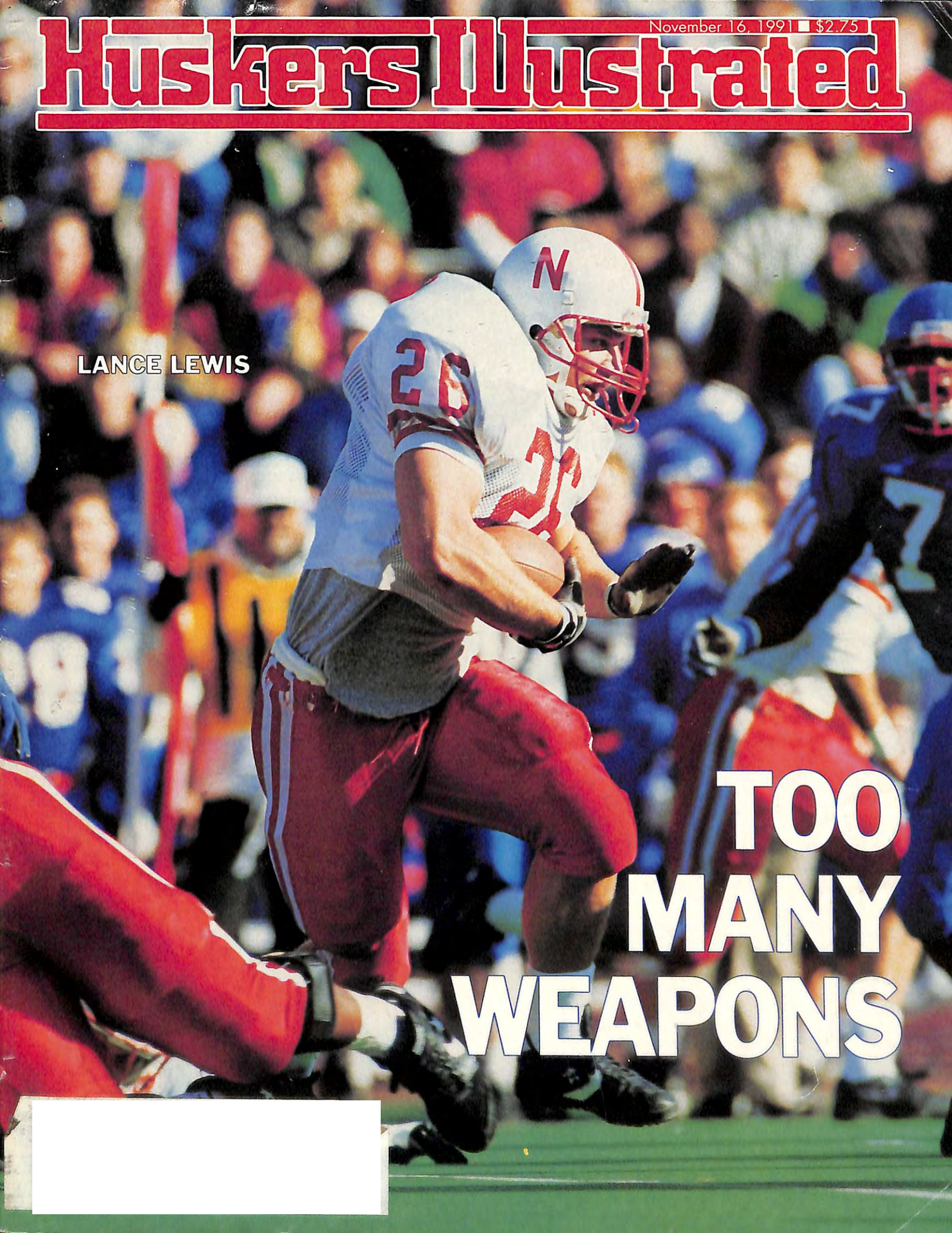


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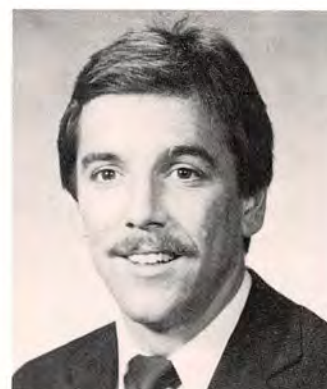
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**SORRY, WRONG NUMBER**

I have been so impressed with Derek Brown this season. In my opinion he looks like one of the best running backs that has been at the University since Mike Rozier. The moves that he has and the hard running that he displays every time he touches the ball just amazes me. He is so durable for a back that isn't all that big. Nebraska fans have to be thrilled that he is just a sophomore.

My friend and I were arguing about Brown's number the other day. He said that Brown has always worn No. 21. I say he wore a different number last season.

Could you straighten out my so-called "Nebraska fan" friend? Thanks for your help.

Lance Trimble  
Omaha, Neb.

*Lance: Brown wore No. 27 last season and is currently wearing No. 21. An interesting sidenote is that Brown wore No. 6 when the Huskers traveled to Oklahoma last season.*

**TIED UP ABOUT TIE**

It makes me sick to think about the Huskers and Colorado tying in Boulder. College football games should be played out until a winner is decided. One overtime period would usually be enough to determine the winner. The NFL has a tremendously low percentage of games that end in a tie.

There's no doubt that Nebraska had the best team on the field that evening. Colorado fans know it, Colorado players and coaches know it. Those watching the game on ESPN know it. If the Huskers could have played an overtime period rather than settling for a tie, there would be no question in anyone's mind about who is going to the Orange Bowl. Nebraska would have left Boulder with an 8-1 record and the key to the home lockerroom at the Orange Bowl. Instead, Big Eight fans have to wait until the final rankings come out and the Orange Bowl Committee makes its final decision. It really stinks that college football can come down to the decision of a committee.

Please NCAA, change the rules. Let

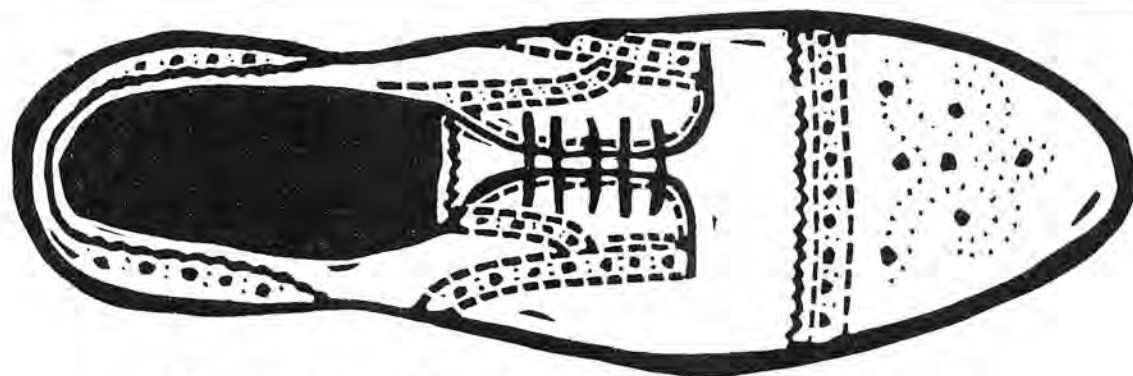
the players decide who the winner is, not the bowl committees.

Phil Otchley  
St. Louis, Mo.

What happened to the referees' views of the game when Colorado's Greg Biekert was running back the blocked extra point for a two-point conversion? Didn't any of the officials see Johnny Mitchell get clipped? It was so obvious on replays that I was shocked when there were no flags thrown on the play.

Colorado didn't deserve to tie the Huskers in that game. The Buffs were lucky not to lose on either the two-point conversion called back because of clipping or Byron Bennett's field goal making it through the uprights. Bill McCartney and his team have to be thanking their lucky stars they don't have another loss on their already disappointing record.

Nebraska should have won that game, just like it should have won last season's tilt (when the Buffs scored four fourth-quarter touchdowns). At least this season we will be able to go to



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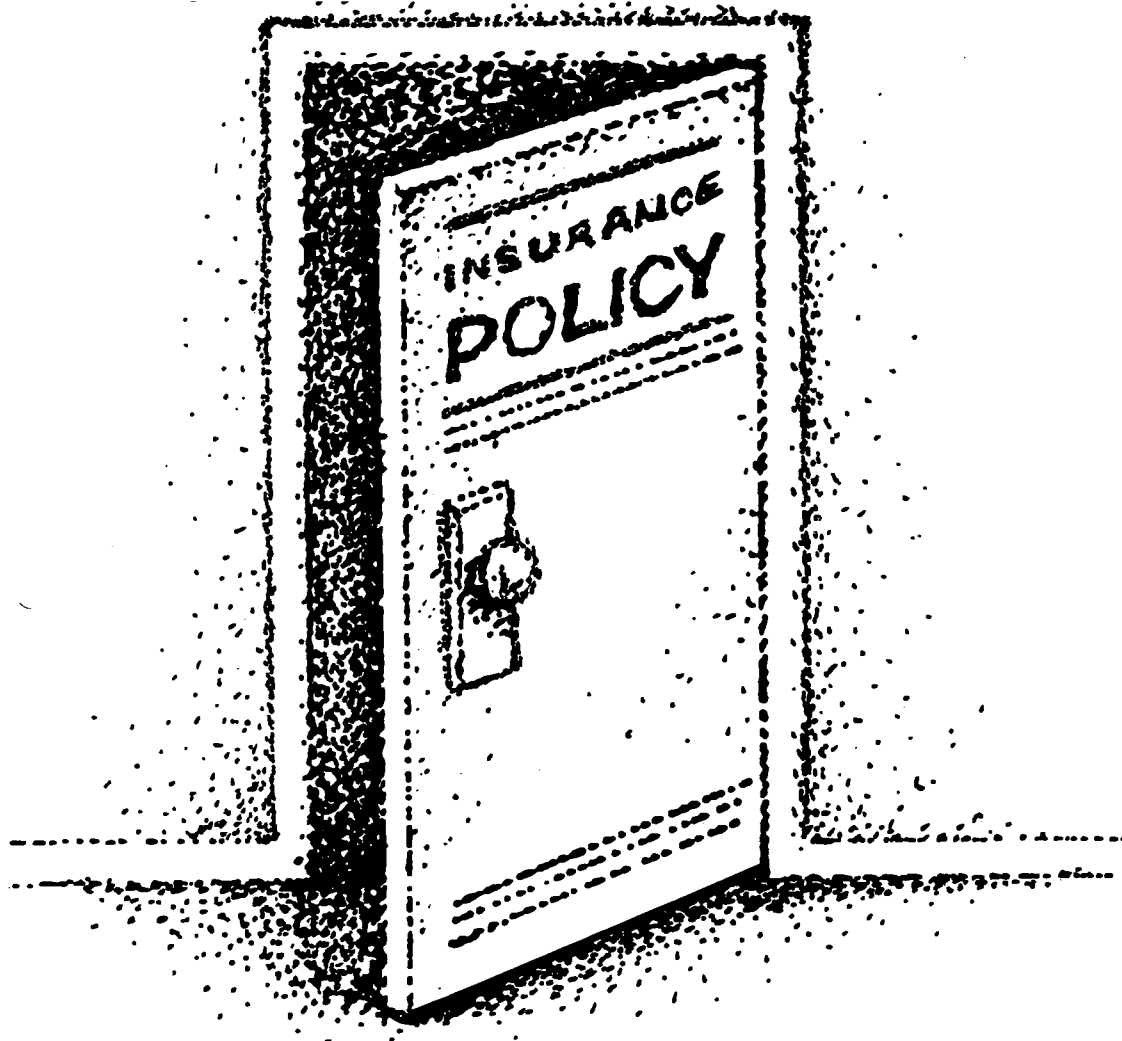
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the Orange Bowl. Colorado didn't get lucky in that respect.  
Dale Reggald  
San Antonio, Texas

**REVENGE**

As a Husker fan living in Oklahoma I can not tell you how much verbal abuse I endured early in the season when the Sooners were picked by everyone to win the Big Eight Conference title. My co-workers continued to pile on the abuse three weeks into the season when Washington came to Lincoln and beat the Huskers on national television. But my friends and co-workers have been strangely silent lately.

Maybe it is because OU dropped two straight games to Texas and Colorado. Maybe it's because the Sooners have no chance of reaching Miami while Nebraska is in the lead for the Orange Bowl bid. Maybe it's because Colorado barely avoided losing to Nebraska in Boulder while the Buffaloes came to Norman and beat Oklahoma by 17. Maybe it's because OU has to come to Lincoln to play Nebraska. Maybe it's

because the Huskers will get revenge on OU after last season's shameful beating (45-10) in Norman.

I desperately want Nebraska to smash the Sooners and go into the Orange Bowl with a great deal of confidence. I believe that Nebraska has the talent and the manpower to topple the once-mighty Sooners and finish the regular season with 9-1-1 record. Let's show those boys from Norman who the real Big Red is by kicking their rears all the way back across Kansas. Go Huskers!

Tim Joskovich  
Tulsa, Okla.

**DEVIL ENVY**

More and more people around my office are picking up my copy of **HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED** and reading it. Many around here wonder why something of that nature isn't done for Arizona or Arizona State. I'm not even sure if the Phoenix Cardinals have a publication that is as thorough and of the quality of your magazine.

Your magazine is the envy of my

Sun Devil friends, but I do have one small request. Could you change the statistics page back to the way that it was last season? It was nice to be able to see how many tackles Pat Engelbert or Mike Petko had against Washington without having to dig up the issue that reviewed that game.

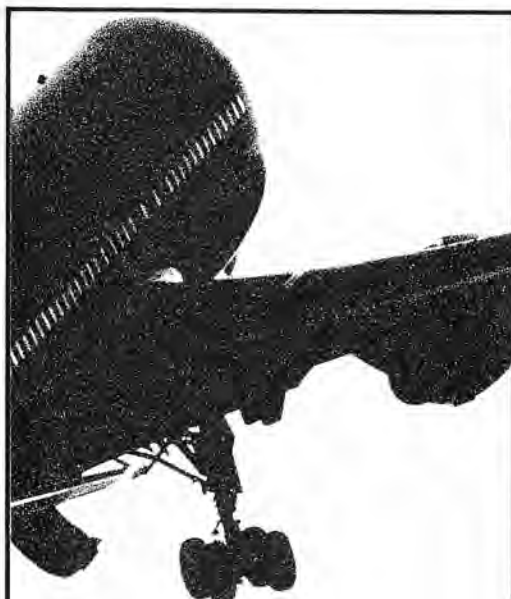
Tracy Sadstone  
Tempe, Ariz.

**D-BACK HUNT**

Whatever happened to Reggie Cooper? He was a sensational defensive back and I thought for sure he would catch on with some professional team.  
Les Walker  
Omaha, Neb.

*Lex: Reggie is currently in the Dallas Cowboys' organization. He was recently called up from the practice/developmental squad. He signed on with the team as a free agent.*

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Over the years Nebraska has acquired the label of 'a ground-attack team which posed little threat through the air.' Osborne decided earlier this season to change those notions.

By Mike Babcock

# Coming to

**A**nd so it came to pass...

Going into spring football practice, word was Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne planned to incorporate more passing into his offense. But there were skeptics among the Cornhuskers, specifically the receivers.

Tyrone Hughes was among them. "We thought, 'Sure, that's what they say now, to keep everyone happy,'" said Hughes, who was switched from wingback to split end in the spring.

Hughes had heard the more-passing plan before. "We did pass more in the spring, though," he said. "So then, we all thought, 'OK. But will we pass more in the fall?'"

"Once Keithen (McCant) came along, we realized we would."

With McCant at quarterback, it has

come to pass for the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska is throwing the ball more this season than it has since 1978, when Tom Sorley was the starting quarterback and the Cornhuskers attempted an average of just over 20 passes per game. That's about what Nebraska averaged through the first seven games this season.

"We decided going into the season that we'd like to throw the ball more," Cornhusker Receivers Coach Ron Brown said recently.

"But we didn't know who the guy (at quarterback) would be."

With Mickey Joseph, Nebraska would run more options and with Tom Haase, the Cornhuskers figured to average 20-plus passes per game, according to Brown. "The guy we didn't

make as much allowance for was Keithen," Brown said. "We hoped he could become a good backup, and maybe, if something great happened, he might become the starter."

Something great happened, at least from McCant's point of view. The fifth-year senior from Grand Prairie, Texas, got an opportunity to play early in the season-opener against Utah State. And the rest, well, Cornhusker fans know the rest by now.

Nebraska was committed to more passing, which makes sense given a group of receivers that includes split ends Hughes and Jon Bostick, tight end Johnny Mitchell and wingbacks Nate Turner, Abdul Muhammad and Vincent Hawkins. But it required more than receivers and a commitment.



"You need a quarterback who can deliver the goods," said Brown.

And McCant is such a quarterback. "Keithen kind of sets a new trend, at least since I've been here," Brown said.

Nebraska has had quarterbacks, in recent seasons, who were extremely efficient passers. Gerry Gdowski, for example, passed for 1,326 yards and 19 touchdowns in 1989. And Turner Gill threw for more than 3,200 yards and 34 touchdowns in his three seasons.

Gdowski and Gill were equally adept at running an option offense and produced their numbers without passing a

# Pass

lot.

"Keithen is more of a pure passer (than either)," Brown said.

As a result, Nebraska has thrown the ball more frequently, and "everybody's happy," Hughes said. "It's kind of hard (for a receiver) to block all day, but when you know if you open up the running game by blocking, you'll have a chance to catch some passes, that helps."

Nebraska hasn't sacrificed its running game, though, not after leading the nation in rushing offense six times during the 1980s. "The players we're recruiting and the weather are more conducive to running the ball well," Brown said. So the Cornhusker offense begins with that premise.

After Nebraska defeated Arizona State 18-9 this season, Sun Devil Coach Larry Marmie said the Cornhusker offense showed more diversity.

"Still the same running game, but an attempt to pass more is a sign of the times," Marmie said.

Prior to the season, Bostick elaborated on the same thing Marmie was saying. "I guess that's just the way college football is coming around these days," Bostick said. "Teams need to be able to run and pass. In certain situations, you're going to need to do one or

**Hughes came to Nebraska hoping someday the passing game would become a factor.**







**McCant was the "deliverer of the goods" that Nebraska needed to utilize the passing game.**

the other. You can't always pick which one you want to do."

Osborne didn't have to start from scratch in incorporating more passing into his offense. Contrary to what some fans seem to believe, Osborne's offensive genius isn't limited to the run.

"Tom is very knowledgeable about the passing game," said Brown.

Nebraska has led the Big Eight in passing twice during Osborne's tenure as head coach, both times prior to 1977. Bob Devaney's teams led the conference in passing in four seasons, including 1971 and 1972, when Osborne was coordinating the offense.

In 1972, quarterback David Humm set a school record for passing yards. Humm was a sophomore in his first varsity season. In 12 games, including a 40-6 Orange Bowl victory against Notre Dame, Humm completed 153 of 285 passes for 2,259 yards and 18 scores.

As a team, Nebraska ranked eighth in the nation in passing offense in 1972, the only time in school history the Cornhuskers have finished among the nation's top 15 in passing.

In 1976, Osborne's fourth Corn-

husker team ranked fourth in the nation in scoring offense and ninth in total offense, success that was based almost as much on the pass as the run. Senior quarterback Vince Ferragamo completed 145 of 254 passes (57.1 percent) for 2,071 yards and 20 touchdowns. Ferragamo, who twice threw four touchdown passes in a game that season, led the conference and ranked 13th in the nation in passing.

As a team, Nebraska led the Big Eight in passing offense.

Ferragamo, who transferred from the University of California, threw for 3,224 yards and 32 touchdowns in his two seasons at Nebraska. His departure for the NFL, as a fourth-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Rams, signaled the beginning of the

end to an offensive philosophy at Nebraska in which the forward pass played a significant role.

Osborne's early offensive philosophy as head coach was basically the same as it had been when he coordinated the offense for Devaney in the National Championship seasons of 1970 and 1971.

It began to evolve in 1969, on the heels of consecutive 6-4 seasons. Nebraska's final game in 1968 was an embarrassing, 47-0 loss to Oklahoma, after which Devaney told Osborne he wanted to change the offense.

Devaney settled on an I-formation attack and the new offense was installed in the spring of 1969. "During the early years, the quarterbacks we had were primarily dropback throwers," Osborne once said.

Jerry Tagge, who's sec-

**Bostick, knowing the offense would go to the air more this season, worked harder during the summer.**

ond on Nebraska's career passing list with 4,704 yards and 32 touchdowns, wasn't particularly fast, and neither were Ferragamo and Humm. As a result, the Cornhuskers ran just enough option football to keep defenses honest.

During the 1970s, Osborne continued to rely on dropback passers. But because of Nebraska's inability to defeat Oklahoma — the Sooners won the first five games against Osborne's teams — brought about another significant change in offense.

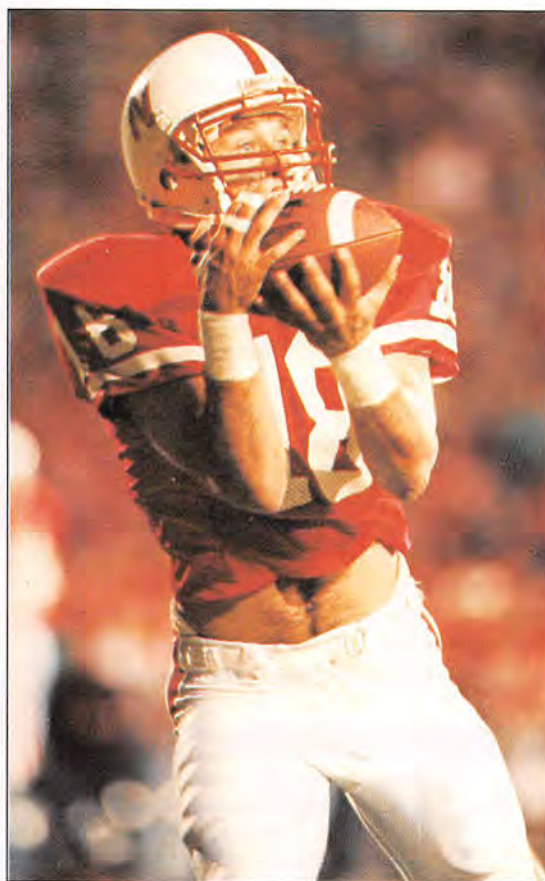
"We kept noticing that when we got to Oklahoma, we had trouble because of their options and their speed at quarterback," Osborne commented. "So we began to evolve in that direction."

Nebraska began to recruit differently. "As the 1980s came along, Tom got into pure option football," said Brown.

As the evolution of his offense suggests, Osborne is hardly inflexible to change. But "he's very thorough. He thinks everything through and doesn't make rash decisions," Brown said.

The circumstances were right for change this season, depending, of course, on which of the quarterbacks emerged as the starter.

"A lot depends on personnel," Osborne said earlier this season. "Last





year, we had two starters back on offense. This year, eight.

"We were good with what we had last year, but this year, we've worked hard to take advantage of the experience and talent we have."

Through the first seven games, Nebraska had increased its passing by nearly 30 percent, with options down by about the same percentage.

To facilitate passing, the Cornhuskers also have changed their offensive alignments some to enhance passing. Their use of a one-back set, with the I-back replacing the fullback as the single back, has increased significantly over last season.

"The one-back set gives us more versatility in throwing," Brown said. "We can do a lot of things."

Bostick, like Hughes, might have been skeptical about Nebraska's commitment to more passing this season. Going into the fall, he told a sports writer: "The last few years we've talked about passing a lot more, but the way the offense is set up, it's play-action and you need to fake to the I-back to run it. On those third-and-15s we're trying to run a fake to the I-back, and the play's built off the linebackers coming up."

"That just wasn't working. At least this year we have more of the capabilities that we can just line up in a formation that says we're going to pass it. That gave us a little more incentive to work harder on our routes this summer," Bostick said.

The hard work paid off.

Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder acknowledged the difference. "I don't think they are the same football team offensively that they've been in the past," he said. "They're as good, but they've expanded their offense more."

The reason for that, according to Snyder, is McCant. "His emergence has

been very instrumental in a lot of things that have taken place there and the ability of their offense to be diversified as it is now."

Nebraska's increased passing is the result of necessity and capability. "We have good receivers and people who are good in one-on-one situations," Osborne said. "Whether we get the ball to them on short passes or long, that's dictated by the style of defense we face. But if you have the guy to get the ball out there 60 percent of the time, you've got to do it."

McCant is such a guy. "He's going to find you and get you the ball," Hughes said.

"I've always liked to throw," said McCant, who passed for some 1,500 yards and 18 touchdowns his senior year at Grand Prairie High School.

Even the Cornhuskers' Pat Engelbert, a middle guard who was in the same recruiting class, appreciates McCant's passing ability.

"Keithen has always had a pretty looking pass, with a tight spiral," Engelbert said.

After McCant completed 17 of 19 passes against Oklahoma State, Turner said: "He has a nice ball to catch."

Hughes was aware of Nebraska's well-deserved reputation for running the ball when he signed a letter of intent to become a Cornhusker. That didn't bother him, not only because his high school in New Orleans, St. Augustine, had a run-oriented offense but also because "in recruiting you say to yourself, 'They run a lot, but they've got to throw it sometime.'"

Now is that time. ■



**Mitchell is one of McCant's favorite targets in the end zone.**



# Steve Carmer



## Finally, looking out for Number (thirty) One

by Ken Hambleton

From all wrong, to pretty much all right, Steve Carmer has been through the changes.

A year ago, Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Charlie McBride had this to say about Carmer: "He seemed to do everything wrong last year. But he's given us a boost as far as his overall play this year. He's really a hitter."

Carmer struggled with confidence after he fumbled a punt return early in the season.

NU Defensive Backfield Coach George Darlington said he could see Carmer's confidence slip away as the season progressed.

"Steve just kept doubting himself and it showed in the way he played," he said.

But Carmer had other problems.

"I had always been caught in that trap where you're doing what you think other people think is right for you to do," he said. "My life, football, everything else and it took me back a bit to figure just what I wanted and where I was going."

Carmer took the first step back to controlling his life himself.

He changed majors for the fourth and final time. That made all the difference in the world.

After a general studies major in 1988, a journalism major in 1989 and an English major in 1990, Carmer found his niche in art.

"I've finally got it figured out and I'm a lot happier," he said. "I'm doing what I think is right for me and I've never felt so comfortable."

"I'm more confident in school and on the field and I think it's showing," said the junior from Wahoo.

The change on the field is obvious.

Carmer leads the Cornhusker defense in tackles, including one for a 20-yard quarterback sack. He's caused two fumbles, recovered two fumbles, broken up five passes and intercepted three more. His two tackles behind the line against Colorado were keys to stopping the Buffaloes in the fourth quarter of NU's 19-19 tie.

"We're able to use Steve in so many ways, like the safety blitz against Colorado," NU Coach Tom Osborne said.

Carmer likes the versatility of his role, too.

"I feel more comfortable playing free safety because I understand what I'm doing and I'm able to concentrate more on what I'm supposed to do," Carmer said.



The key for Carmer is perseverance. "I've stuck with it, good and bad, and lately it's been good. I've learned when you stick with it, you can overcome some things, like lack of confidence, lack of understanding and other things," he said.

It took a lot of perseverance for Carmer to get from Wahoo High School through a redshirt year, another year on the bench, a year of playing some and finally starting every game.

"I played on the punt return, the punt and kickoff teams and I did the best I could. Just getting to play means so much to everyone on the team and I was no exception," he said. "I have to admit, I don't miss the special teams play now.

"I'm willing to let Tyrone Hughes and Corey Dixon return the kicks and I'll be willing as a backup. But I enjoy playing defense so much and I can concentrate on just that and that helps."

It helped Carmer build a reputation for always being near the ball, too.

"I should be around the ball because I'm the only guy on defense who can see everything in front of him. If it's a fake handoff, a fake pass, a play-action pass or an option, I'm the one guy who should be able to get to the ball no matter what. I'm the guy who's supposed to be available to get to the ball no matter what."

Carmer has always had a nose for the football. As a youngster playing in the yard with his brothers, to competing in the local punt-pass-and-kick contests, playing baseball and basketball, Carmer has always been involved in sports.

He was a Super State running back for Wahoo and helped the Warriors reach the playoffs for the first time since 1948.

He averaged 8.2 yards a carry his senior year and as a defensive end, he had 65 tackles and an interception. He was second-team all-state basketball forward for the first Wahoo state championship team. That team started the current 90-game win streak that Wahoo enjoys.

Carmer became famous across the state when he intercepted a pass and scored with two seconds remaining to help Wahoo upset Lincoln Pius X in the 1989 state basketball championship.

He also finished fifth in the Class B 200 meter dash and was second in the long jump before finishing his high school career.

"I was so excited to get the scholar-



### **Carmer, No. 31, finally got it figured out.**

ship offer from Nebraska, I jumped at the chance right away," Carmer said. "I was lucky to be surrounded by people I grew up with who had that winning attitude and it carried through here at Nebraska."

Carmer said he never thought he would be a major college football player, much less a starter for Nebraska.

"I didn't feel I had that great a chance. But when I got the scholarship offer, I thought it was a great chance to get my

education paid for and I thought I'd at least have a chance to play some more football after high school.

"And once I got here and played with the freshman team, I learned that I really had a chance to make it," he said.

Carmer played in all five games for the 5-0 freshman team in 1988 and finished tied at third on the team for tackles. He played in one varsity game. He redshirted the next year and played in every game last year. He finished with 25 tackles, two pass breakups and one interception. He had five tackles in the season finale against Oklahoma.



"I knew I had to improve for this year and I worked hard in the weight room and last spring to show I had made some big steps," Carmer said.

That and his change in major brought about a wholesale change in attitude and confidence.

"I still get the goosebumps and struggle to breathe when I step into the stadium on a game day," he said. "That experience is absolutely breathtaking and I'll never get over that feeling. I don't know if anybody ever does."

"But once we kick off and I get in my first play, all my concentration is on the game and it becomes an automatic thing to start playing your best," he said.

The speed of college football is also something that caught Carmer off guard when he started playing.

**Right: Carmer's turnaround helped anchor the Husker defense.**



**Below: Drilling quarterbacks is becoming a habit for Carmer.**



"There is so much action and it's all so fast, so quick, you can hardly believe that you're a part of the whole thing," he said.

That's where experience pays off.

"I can't tell you what a difference it makes to know what you're going to feel and what you're going to see in a college game," he said. "Part of my problem last year was the unsure feeling about what I was doing and what was going on."

"That's why changing my life and my goals in education made such a difference in the way I play football."

Carmer specializes in sketches, pencil, pen and ink and charcoal. He's just starting in oils.

"I'd like to develop my own style or

theme," Carmer said. "I enjoy drawing animals, actually parts of animals, or parts of my conception of animals."

"I used to own snakes (including a 12-foot Burmese python) and I like to try to sketch the different rectangular or cylindrical shapes of the patterns on the snakes and the shape of their bodies."

"But the idea for me is to take something out of it all that will eventually lead me to architectural drawing or working as an artist."

That goal helped Carmer find his immediate goals in all parts of his life.

"It's not a complete picture. Football isn't a complete picture. I don't know if it'll ever be complete, but at least I've chosen this way to do it and

I'm happy right now."

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne said he noticed the change in Carmer right away this year. "Steve is one of those defensive backs who can help us solve our pass defense problems and we feel that he's going to be a key to our defense finishing stronger this year than it did last year," he said.

Carmer said the Nebraska defense is growing and improving every game.

"We've grown together as a defense and I've gotten to know pretty much where our guys are going and where the opposing offense is likely to go. It's all a part of the major growth we've had as a defensive unit — coming together as one entity."

"A lot of what we do is based on experience, listening to coaches and learning from each other and each game."

It sounds so easy, but it can be so hard.

"It's funny that we're only talking about playing football for four or five seconds 60 or 70 times a game. You even get a break between each play and each time your offense comes on the field."

"So it shouldn't be impossible. It's just discovering the possibilities as an individual that makes a difference." ■



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# Setting Records and Grading Well

LAWRENCE, Kan. — You remember Derek Brown. Going into Nebraska's game against Kansas, he ranked first in the Big Eight and fifth in the nation in rushing. And, he had already become the 11th Cornhusker to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season. Only four of those 11 had done it as sophomores.

After the Kansas game, however, redshirted freshman I-back Calvin Jones was the talk of Cornhusker fans, which stands to reason. Jones rushed for a school record 294 yards and a school- and Big Eight-record six touchdowns.

His 36 points also were a Nebraska single-game record as were his 298 all-purpose yards. Jones caught one pass

for a 4-yard gain.

Jones' rushing yardage equaled the sixth-best total in conference history and represented a record for a freshman. Jones nearly doubled the school record for rushing yards in a single game by a freshman.

Monte Anthony held Nebraska's freshman record for one game, rushing for 157 yards in 1975.

Jones' touchdown points were the second-most ever in NCAA history by a freshman. Earlier this season, San Diego State's Marshall Faulk scored seven touchdowns and 42 points.

In the fourth quarter of the Cornhuskers' 59-23 victory against Kansas, one observer in Memorial Stadium asked rhetorically: "Gee, I wonder who the Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week will be?"

"I can't believe it worked out this way," Jones said afterward.

Few among an audience estimated at 40,000, many of them red-clad Nebraska fans, probably could.

Jones had carried only 55 times for 367 yards and five touchdowns prior to the Kansas game. A week earlier, he hadn't played against Colorado.

He wouldn't have played nearly as much as he did against Kansas had Brown been able to see clearly. Brown suffered from blurred vision after taking a "good shot" to the helmet while being tackled in the second quarter. The helmet hit near his eye, Brown explained, and "for a while, I couldn't see anything."

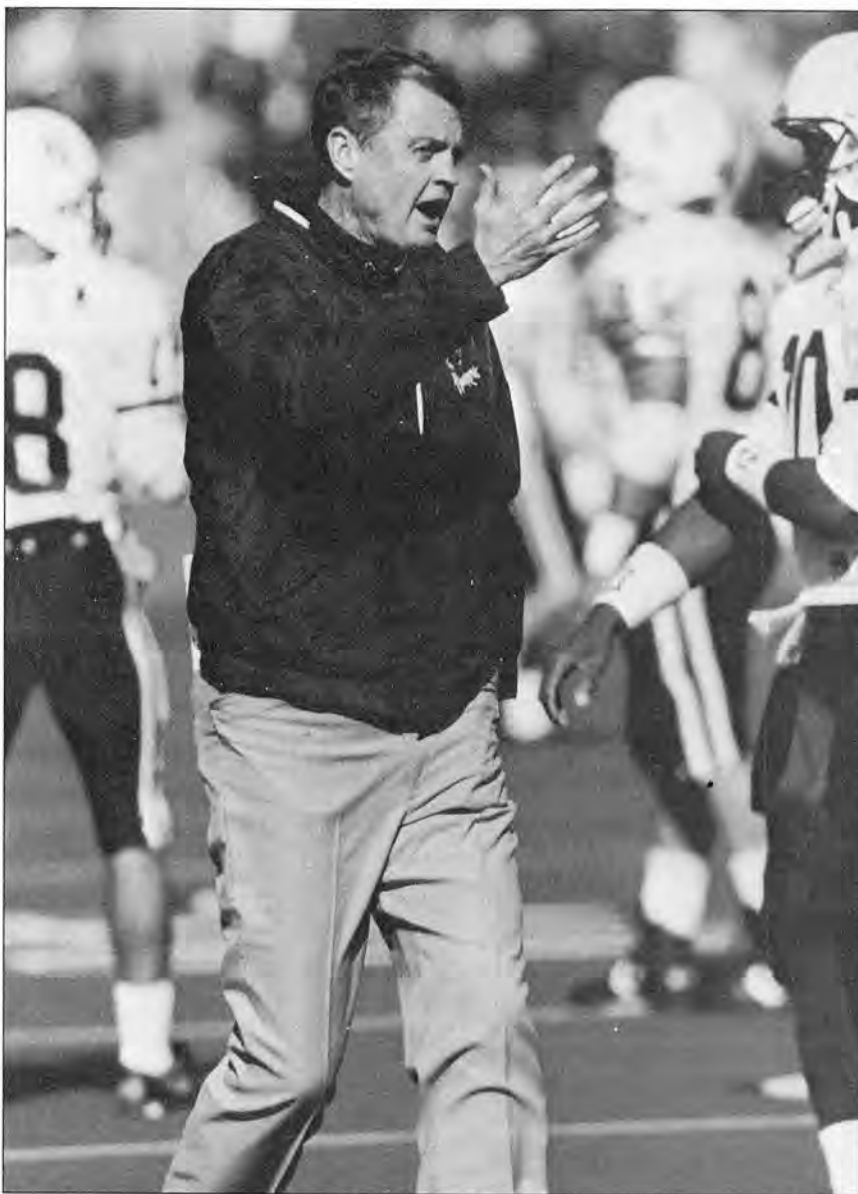
"I was blind. It was scary, I've never felt like that."

Brown went back in briefly before deciding to call it quits for the afternoon, after rushing for 75 yards on only 13 attempts to increase his season total to 1,108 yards.

"Derek got off to a great start," said Frank Solich, Nebraska's assistant coach and running backs coach. "As tough as Derek is, he probably could have gone back in."

"But he said he didn't feel he could be that effective."

Even though his sight returned



**Osborne decided to go with the option game after finding the weakness in the Jayhawks' defense.**



eventually, Brown saw no reason to risk further injury to his eye.

"I thought we were doing fine," Brown said. "I had nothing to prove (by being) out there."

Brown claimed he wasn't surprised by Jones' performance. "I knew he was capable of that," Brown said. "Calvin's strong; he's a big I-back. He didn't get to play last week. He made up for it this week."

Although he couldn't have imagined Jones would revise Nebraska's rushing record, Solich expected Jones to respond to the challenge.

"You could really see the last two weeks in practice Calvin was coming along to the point where he was ready to put it all together," Solich said. "I had a strong feeling he'd have a great game today. Calvin really responded about as well as you could ask anyone to respond."

"We feel fortunate that we've got a great group of running backs. I've got no qualms about playing Calvin at any time," said Solich.

Jones' improvement has come in his ability to go into contact and "come out the other end of things. Calvin's a very explosive runner."

Jones is the bigger of the two, at 5-foot-11 and 205 pounds. Brown, who stands 5-foot-9 and weighs 180 pounds, is a little quicker.

But "we can put two backs in there who will get after you," Solich said. "We can always have a back on the field who's going to be aggressive and wear you down."

And when there's an opening, either I-back has the speed to go the distance. Jones "has somewhat deceiving speed," said Solich.

"He's so big, and his running style is very smooth. Now, with that explosion, you've got something."

Jones wouldn't have gotten the record if Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne hadn't sent him back into the



game with less than seven minutes remaining.

"We don't normally make concessions to records, but this was special," Osborne said.

"He told me, 'Look, you only need a yard or so for the record. So when you go in there, you get it,'" Jones said of his instructions.

With 8:36 left in the game, Nebraska took possession of the ball at its own 20-yard line. After he gained 8 yards on first down, Jones was replaced by senior George Achola.

At that point, Jones had 284 rushing yards, one short of the school record held by Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier — also set against Kansas.

Achola gained 3 yards and a first down, then Jones returned. It appeared he might not get the record at that point because he left the game again after

**Not many would wonder who would be the Big Eight Player of the Week after Jones frequented the end zone six times.**

losing 2 yards.

After Achola ran for 8 yards, however, Osborne gave Jones another opportunity, and he responded by gaining 6 yards up the middle. For good measure, Jones ran for another 6 yards one play later.

Jones' first carry of the game, good for a 12-yard gain, came early in the second quarter. Three plays later, he scored the first of his touchdowns on a 3-yard run.



What made Jones' effort even more impressive was the fact that the Jayhawks went into the game ranked 14th nationally in total defense and 22nd in rushing defense. In eight games, Kansas had allowed an average of only 284.1 yards per game of total offense.

Nebraska's ability to run the option contributed to Jones' success, said quarterback Keithen McCant.

"It's my job to take it to the guy and if he takes me, pitch the ball to Calvin," McCant said.

Invariably, the defender went after McCant, leaving Jones free.

Nebraska's offense struggled early, but "as the game went on, we started playing better and better," Solich said. "Early on, you're always searching for what's going to work."

"You start to see what they're doing defensively and then try to take advantage of it. They had a hard time stopping the option. Kansas has a good defense, and they played hard. But once we started rolling, I think they might have had some doubts."

Jones shared the credit for his records with McCant and Nebraska's offensive line.

"If I didn't have those other 10 guys, it could've been minus yards. Keithen made the reads on the options; he had guys all over him and got me the ball, and I was open," said Jones. "With our offensive line and our play-calling today, anything was possible. I didn't feel I'd be able to do anything like this until I was a senior."

Jones also credited Brown, who took some big hits from a fired-up Kansas defense early in the game.

"They were really keying on him; he's the Big Eight leader and all," Jones said. "I asked him at halftime if he was going back in and he said he couldn't see well enough after he got poked in the eye, so he sat out. That was probably the hardest, and the best decision he could make at the time because he's so good, I know he would have loved to come back in."

Brown gave Jones some advice when he entered the game. "He said they'd open (holes) up if I didn't rush things," Jones said.

With his performance against Kansas, Jones followed in a curious tradition at Nebraska. Reserve running backs often have done remarkably well against the Jayhawks.

The most notable was Craig Johnson, who gained the bulk of his career yards against Kansas. Johnson established Nebraska's single-game record for average yards per carry on a minimum of 10 carries against the Jayhawks in Lawrence as a sophomore in 1978. He rushed for 192 yards on only 10 attempts that afternoon.

Johnson's chance came after the Cornhuskers had taken control of a game they went on to win 63-21. Jones didn't have that luxury. Nebraska had spotted Kansas a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

Record or not, Jones' status on the depth chart might not change if Brown is healthy for the Cornhuskers' next-to-last, regular-season game against Iowa State.

"I don't want people to forget what Derek has done week after week in

tough situations and for entire games," Solich said. "We'll work the playing problem out as we go."

Consider that Jones might have been Nebraska's third-string I-back this season if junior Scott Baldwin could have avoided injury.

Consider also that Achola, the current third-string I-back, isn't too bad, either. Achola carried only six times against Kansas, but he gained 61 yards and scored two touchdowns on runs of 31 and 15 yards.

Nebraska is well-stocked with I-backs, and the competition forces each to play to his potential. There is little margin for error, which is why Jones was concerned about a mistake.

"I was supposed to go left and attack-block the end, but I went to the right instead," Jones told reporters after his record-setting performance. "That's what I'm thinking about now. That's a zero on my grade."

Even so, his grade for the Kansas game should be pretty good. ■



**An injury to Brown's eye allowed Jones to grab some of the offensive highlights that had been Brown's all year.**



# Jones Leads Three-Quarter Rally

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Nebraska freshman Calvin Jones filled the role of super sub against Kansas Saturday on a day the Cornhuskers revealed both their character and explosiveness.

NU's 59-23 victory gives the false impression that the Huskers easily rolled past the Jayhawks, as in the past 23 straight against KU by an average of 36 points.

But 11th-ranked Nebraska had to rally from a 17-0 first-quarter deficit, without its No. 1 I-back, while facing the nation's 14th-best defense.

"We got a pretty good scare today, obviously," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne. "At the end of the first quarter, I thought we'd have a hard time winning it and had no idea we'd be able to put it away."

"This will be regarded as another ho-hummer by a lot of people, but I thought it was a big win today."

The potential existed for an emotional letdown for NU after a hard-fought game at Colorado a week earlier. Last season, Kansas battled Nebraska close for a half, a week after Colorado rallied to beat the Huskers.

Saturday's game began in a similar fashion, although Husker players and coaches did not blame it on post-Colorado syndrome.

"We were a bit sluggish the first



**Hill (93) and Carmer (31) helped limit Tony Sands to only 56 yards.**

quarter, but I think that was more the wind, field position, blocked punt and Kansas playing well," Osborne said. "We were behind 17-0 and I thought the odds were good we weren't going to win. We had to get things turned around in a hurry."

KU linebacker Hassan Bailey re-

corded the first blocked punt of the season against NU's Mike Stigge on the opening Nebraska drive and Kansas gained possession at the Husker 14.

The Black Shirts held, however, and Kansas settled for the first of three Dan Eichloff field goals.

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**Jones broke free for a 63-yarder to add to his 294 on the game.**

next two possessions to open a 17-0 lead with 2:15 left in the first quarter tallying its most points against NU since 1978 in the nation's second-longest continuous Division I-A series.

"I knew we had to keep our poise," said Nebraska quarterback Keithen McCant. "It was just a matter of time before we got rolling."

Jones provided the Huskers a lift in record-breaking proportions.

Nebraska ended the first period and began the second with a 15-play, 80-yard march that Jones capped with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Starting I-back Derek Brown could not complete the scoring drive and did not re-enter the game after suffering an eye injury. He did finish with 75 yards on 13 carries and set up the first NU touchdown stopping KU's momentum.

"When we finally got one in there and it was 17-7, I thought we had a pretty good chance to come back and win it," Osborne said. "We made about every mistake we could possibly make, but we survived it. I think this team has a lot of character. A lot of good players that hang together and they want to win and they believe in themselves."

Beginning with Jones' initial touchdown, the Huskers scored on nine of their final 10 possessions, with the only exception being a missed field-goal attempt on the last play of the first half.

The redshirt freshman from Omaha Central took a liking to the end zone in KU's Memorial Stadium as he returned to it five more times on the day.

Jones, whose previous best day as a Husker was 86 yards against Colorado State, later scored on runs of 47, 9, 1, 68 and 12 to finish with 294 yards on 27 carries.

His rushing total established a new Nebraska record, breaking the previous mark of 285 yards set by Heisman Trophy-winner Mike Rozier. Ironically, Rozier set that mark in 1983 against Kansas.

"I didn't really expect it," said Jones, who entered the game with 367 yards and five TDs. "After a couple of plays



I just got settled in and kind of took what they gave me."

What Kansas gave most often was open lanes outside whenever Nebraska ran the option.

"We just found some options that were working and you just kind of go with what works," Osborne said. "I thought Keithen really executed well. He took the ball to the corner and pitched well."

Stigge punted the first three times Nebraska had the football, but the 'Hawks could not stop the Huskers from then on. That came as a surprise.

**Right: Achola added two more Husker scores in the fourth quarter.**

**With the ground game clicking, McCant (below) only went to the pass 17 times.**



Kansas, which dropped to 5-4, entered the game allowing only 284 yards per contest — second best in the Big Eight — and only 117 yards on the ground. The Jayhawks earlier recorded two shutouts on the season for the first time since 1975.

Nebraska finished with 32 first downs and amassed 490 of their 593 total yards on the ground — both marks were the most allowed by KU since the 1989 NU game.

Third-string I-back George Achola replaced Jones in the fourth quarter and rushed for 61 yards, including touchdown runs of 31 and 15 yards.

McCant increased his season total-

**Brown managed 75 yards before leaving the game with an eye injury.**





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November 9, 1991

Calvin Jones got the Huskers going in the second quarter with the first of his six touchdown runs.











**Anderson had a quiet day, but still managed a tackle on a third down to halt a key Jayhawk drive.**

game, the fact we scored twice going into the wind and they got three points. They needed to get more than that with the wind."

The Black Shirts stiffened following intermission after allowing 253 yards the first two quarters. Kansas managed only 76 yards the third period and 26 the final 15 minutes.

During one five-play sequence in the second half, Huskers Jamie Liewer, Curtis Cotton, and David White recorded sacks of KU quarterback Chip Hilleary. Cornerback Kenny Wilhite intercepted two Kansas passes.

Strong safety Steve Carmer led NU's defense with 10 total tackles, while middle guard Pat Engelbert made eight stops and linebacker Travis Hill and strong safety Ernie Beler each had five.

"Sometimes I think we tend to take teams a little lightly," Engelbert said. "We've got to learn not to do that. We've got to get just as emotional as we do for the big games."

Two injuries Saturday may have dealt the Husker defense a serious blow. Following his second interception, Wilhite suffered a possible tear of a cruciate ligament and linebacker Mike

Petko was believed to have a hamstring pull that will likely prevent him from playing at least against Iowa State.

"If we lost those two players, like I'm afraid we did, Petko and Wilhite, we can't afford that," Osborne said.

"Those are big injuries."

Wilhite's injury came with just 2:56 remaining in the game and the final outcome assured, but the backup left corner had to keep playing because of the Big Eight's 60-man travel roster rule.

"That just points up again this crazy, idiotic 60 travel rule. We wanted to get our people out of there, get them off the football field, and that's one of our top three corners and we only had four corners on the trip," Osborne said. ■

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Yards Rushing	617	529	135	253	273	363	511	112	493	365
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Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1
Time of Possession	16:12	28:27	24:22	34:43	25:10	26:27	34:58	27:59	33:47	27:34
Third Down Conversions	3-7	9-15	6-16	8-18	5-10	2-9	10-15	5-15	9-12	6-13
Final Score	59-28	71-14	21-36	18-9	49-15	38-31	63-6	19-19	59-23	44

offense yards to 1,692 with 71 passing and 43 rushing against Kansas.

"I think offensively as a team as the game went along, we started playing better and better," said Nebraska Assistant Head Coach Frank Solich said. "Once we started rolling on them, they probably started having some doubts and then things started getting better for us."

Byron Bennett kicked a 47-yard field goal midway through the second period and Jones raced 47 yards for a

touchdown to tie the game at 17-17 before Eichloff's field goal gave Kansas a three-point halftime lead.

Nebraska kicked off the third quarter into a 20 m.p.h. wind, but went on to outscore Kansas 42-3 during the final 30 minutes.

"At halftime, the players wanted the wind in the fourth quarter and the coaches just said we'll do what you want," Osborne said. "They said they thought they could handle it in the third quarter and that was the key to the ball



A freshman who burst onto the Big Red scene Saturday and a fifth-year senior earned Player of the Game honors in Nebraska's 59-23 victory at Kansas.

I-back Calvin Jones broke almost as many records as he did tackles while experiencing the most playing time of his young Husker career.

The redshirt freshman from Omaha Central replaced starter Derek Brown, who suffered an eye injury in the second quarter, and responded with 294 yards to break the previous NU record held by Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier.

Jones found the end zone six times against Kansas to score 36 points and break the old NU record of 30 set by Bill Chaloupka versus Doane College in 1907 and tied twice in 1910 by Harvey Rathbone, against Peru State and Haskell Institute. His six TDs only tied the Nebraska record held by Chaloupka and Rathbone but their TDs came when touchdowns only counted five points.

In addition, Jones' six touchdown scores and 36 points established Big Eight records and his 294 yards broke the Big Eight record for a freshman.

"Maybe tomorrow or Monday it will really sink in," Jones said about his accomplishment. "I haven't had time to think about it or let it sink in. Maybe it's because I've never had this happen to me."

Jones gained 83 yards before intermission on just six carries, but rushed 21 times for 213 yards after half time. Much of his yardage came on option plays to the



outside.

"You have to give credit to the 10 other guys on the field," said Jones, who especially credited quarterback Keith McCant. "He really attacked the corners and the defensive ends well today on the option plays. He made them play either him or me, and most of the time they

played him and he pitched it out there and it was daylight."

NU's defense rallied after allowing Kansas 253 yards in the first 30 minutes to limit the Jayhawks to only 102 yards after intermission.

Middle guard Pat Engelbert was a key factor in the Black Shirts holding KU to just 145 rushing yards, including only 40 the second half.

Engelbert recorded eight tackles to bring his season total to 49.

Jones (left), Engelbert (below)



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What kind of a year has it been for Iowa State? Definitely not the kind that Head Coach Jim Walden was hoping for when he told the Big Eight Skywriters Tour how his Cyclones would improve this season. Unfortunately for ISU fans, the Cyclones have not lived up to Walden's expectations.

Iowa State knocked off Eastern Illinois in the opener (42-13), lost the next week to Iowa (29-10), was defeated at perennial Pacific-10 cellar-dweller Wisconsin (7-6) before clipping Rice on a last-second field goal (28-27). But that's been about the only highlight. Iowa State has only won one Big Eight Conference game (a 23-22 verdict against Missouri) while tying lowly Oklahoma State and being hammered by Oklahoma (29-8), Kansas (41-0) and last week at home by Kansas State (37-7). It was the Wildcats' first road victory in six seasons. That's how bad things have been in Ames. Despite the record, Nebraska knows it must be ready for the Cyclones.

"It's a Big Eight Conference game and that's important," said quarterback Keithen McCant. "We can't look past Iowa State. We don't want to get caught



**Jim Walden: Fighting to keep his Cyclones out of the Big Eight cellar.**

thinking about Oklahoma."

Much of the Cyclones' problems, through the first few games, came from

the quarterback position, according to Walden.

"I'm reluctant to say this," Walden said in September during the Big Eight's teleconference. "The guy who's driving this race car isn't driving very good. The pit crew is doing good. The mechanics are in great shape. Everything's on the money with this race car but the driver. Right now, the driver's not doing well."

The "driver" was senior Chris Pedersen (6-foot-3, 222, sr.) who almost single-handedly upset Oklahoma in Norman last season 33-31. It was Pedersen's quarterback draws that killed the Sooner defense and his sneak late in the game that gave Iowa State the win. But Walden is now without Pedersen and sophomore Bob Utter (5-11, 180), who started two games last season when Pedersen was injured. Both Utter and Pedersen have fallen to injuries this season.

Taking over under center is freshman Kevin Caldwell (6-2, 190). He scampered for 154 yards in the win over the Tigers, but was contained in the second half against K-State. After running for 50 yards and throwing a 41-

## Looking Back: Game No. 10 — A Five-Year History

### **1990 — NU 41, Kansas 9 at Lawrence**

Even though Nebraska dominated on the scoreboard by handing the hosts a 32-point setback, the Huskers didn't dominate in the total yardage department, outgaining the Jayhawks 536-410.

Scott Baldwin, making his first career start, had an outstanding day on the ground, scampering for 170 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

After Kansas took a 3-0 lead, Nebraska stormed back to take a 17-3 lead at intermission. The scoring was climaxed by Mickey Joseph's 35-yard touchdown pass to tight end Johnny Mitchell.

### **1989 — NU 51, Kansas 14 at Lawrence**

Ken Clark exploded for two 33-yard touchdown runs to lead the Huskers past the pesky Jayhawks.

On the day Clark had 177 yards on 20 carries and cracked the 1,000-yard barrier for the second consecutive season. Gerry Gdowski chipped in 75 yards on six totes while Mickey Joseph added 66 on 12

carries. Gdowski threw just four passes but had 105 yards and three touchdowns against the Kansas secondary.

Pat Tyrance and Marvin Sanders led a balanced effort by the Black Shirts with six tackles, while Randall Jobman, Jeff Mills and Kenny Walker each had four stops.

### **1988 — NU 7, Colorado 0 at Lincoln**

Ken Clark scored the only touchdown of the day on a 2-yard run in the third quarter, propelling the Huskers past Colorado and into the Big Eight Conference title game against Oklahoma.

Clark finished with 165 yards on 28 carries, marking the fifth time during the season that Clark had shattered the 100-yard mark.

It appeared that Colorado would take a 7-0 lead when J.J. Flannigan burst into the open field and headed for the end zone. But after racing 24 yards to the Husker 19, he fumbled the ball as he tried to move the ball from one arm to the other.

### **1987 — Oklahoma 17, NU 7 at Lincoln**

Oklahoma racked up 419 yards on the ground compared to Nebraska's 177 to lead the Sooners to the 10-point win before a national television audience and a Memorial Stadium record crowd of 76,663.

The Huskers took a 7-0 lead on Keith Jones' 25-yard touchdown burst in the first quarter. But the second half was all Oklahoma despite the Sooners' loss of three fumbles and an excellent effort by the Black Shirts.

### **1986 — NU 70, Kansas 0 at Lawrence**

Nebraska's offense scored on 10 of its 12 possessions to rout the Jayhawks in Lawrence.

Keith Jones keyed the slaughter with 15 carries for 117 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Clete Blakeman hit on eight passes for 94 yards and three touchdowns while picking up 61 yards and another score on the ground to move the Huskers to 9-1 on the year.



**HUSKERS 2-DEEP**(returning starters in **bold**)**OFFENSE**

SE	<b>18 Jon Bostick</b>	6-2	190	sr.
	82 Dan Pleasant	5-9	180	sr.
LT	77 L. Lundberg	6-4	305	so.
	56 R. Zatechka	6-5	305	fr.
LG	61 Erik Wiegert	6-5	300	sr.
	64 Chris Zyzda	6-2	285	jr.
C	53 B. Ziegelbein	6-4	275	sr.
	51 Jim Scott	6-2	260	so.
RG	75 <b>Will Shields</b>	6-1	295	jr.
	78 T.J. Slansky	6-5	275	jr.
RT	<b>76 B. Boerboom</b>	6-7	310	sr.
	72 Zach Wiegert	6-5	310	fr.
TE	<b>89 W. Washington</b>	6-2	260	jr.
	86 J. Mitchell	6-3	260	so.
QB	10 K. McCant	6-2	200	sr.
	<b>2 M. Joseph</b>	5-10	180	sr.
FB	26 Lance Lewis	6-0	225	jr.
	41 Tim Johnk	5-11	215	sr.
TB	21 Derek Brown	5-9	180	so.
	44 Calvin Jones	5-11	205	fr.
WB	<b>22 Nate Turner</b>	6-2	220	sr.
	27 A. Muhammad	5-11	175	fr.

**DEFENSE**

OLB	<b>93 Travis Hill</b>	6-2	235	jr.
	91 Lance Gray	6-1	220	so.
LT	70 Jamie Liewer	6-4	270	jr.
	67 Kevin Ramaekers	6-4	290	so.
NG	<b>97 Pat Engelbert</b>	6-2	265	sr.
	73 David Noonan	6-3	275	so.
RT	92 John Parrella	6-5	290	jr.
	90 Bruce Moore	6-6	240	so.
OLB	96 David White	6-2	240	jr.
	34 Trev Alberts	6-4	235	so.
SLB	<b>99 Mike Petko</b>	6-3	230	sr.
	89 D. Williams	6-1	250	so.
WLB	48 M. Anderson	6-2	230	so.
	32 Ed Stewart	6-0	195	fr.
LCB	9 Curtis Cotton	6-1	210	sr.
	17 Sedric Collins	6-0	185	fr.
FS	<b>3 Tyrone Byrd</b>	6-0	175	jr.
	6 John Reece	6-0	205	so.
SS	<b>31 Steve Carmer</b>	6-2	210	jr.
	46 Troy Dumas	6-3	185	fr.
RCB	<b>3 T. Legette</b>	5-10	180	sr.
	16 Vernon Powell	5-10	160	so.

**CYCLONES 2-DEEP**(returning starters in **bold**)**OFFENSE**

SE	<b>89 Chris Spencer</b>	6-4	199	jr.
	81 B. Hughes	6-2	191	so.
ST	66 Todd McClish	6-5	319	jr.
	69 B. Willinson	6-6	274	fr.
SG	73 Tony Booth	6-3	275	fr.
	60 Mark Konopka	6-3	275	fr.
C	<b>78 Scott Armbrust</b>	6-3	278	jr.
	55 Mark Wagner	6-1	275	so.
WG	56 L. Roberts	6-5	267	so.
	62 <b>Doug Skartvedt</b>	6-3	309	so.
WT	62 <b>Doug Skartvedt</b>	6-3	309	so.
	75 Lance Keller	6-2	336	jr.
QB	16 Kevin Caldwell	6-2	190	fr.
	14 Marv Seiler	5-11	187	jr.
TB	26 Jim Knott	6-0	203	fr.
	3 S. Williams	5-7	168	jr.
FB	<b>39 S. Patterson</b>	6-0	195	jr.
	22 Leonard Holmes	5-11	187	fr.
TE	82 Scott English	6-2	235	so.
	91 Paul Schulte	6-3	222	sr.
FL	9 Lamont Hill	5-9	172	so.
	86 James McMillon	5-9	175	so.

**DEFENSE**

RDE	<b>41 Dan Watkins</b>	6-2	225	jr.
	57 Nick Clausen	6-5	236	fr.
RDT	<b>65 Travis Block</b>	6-0	250	sr.
	70 Troy Petersen	6-5	270	fr.
LDT	<b>95 Matt Rehberg</b>	6-5	270	sr.
	52 Jim Thompson	6-5	225	fr.
LDE	<b>99 Mark Dunn</b>	6-5	245	sr.
	92 Anthony Scott	6-3	227	fr.
SOLB	<b>46 Larry Ratigan</b>	6-3	225	sr.
	20 Steve Weron	5-11	207	sr.
MLB	<b>58 Dan Milner</b>	6-1	232	jr.
	40 M. Goodwin	6-2	215	jr.
WLB	50 Jeff Cole	6-1	233	fr.
	49 Marcus Allen	6-3	200	fr.
RCB	<b>6 Shawn Walker</b>	5-11	167	jr.
	32 Weylan Harding	5-11	184	fr.
LCB	32 Weylan Harding	5-11	184	fr.
	27 Lant Doran	6-1	204	sr.
SS	7 D. Armstrong	5-10	185	jr.
	23 Lester Ridley	6-0	180	so.
FS	<b>25 Mark DouBrava</b>	6-0	192	jr.
	29 Cedric Linwood	5-11	170	fr.

yard touchdown pass, he had 19 yards on 13 carries.

In the backfield, ISU is still looking for a replacement for Blaise Bryant. Tailback Jim Knott (6-0, 203) is another freshman. Expect most of the yardage on the ground to come from fullback Sundiata Patterson (6-0, 195, jr.), who has racked up over 500 yards this season. He started the season in a big way, scoring four touchdowns in the opener against Eastern Illinois.

Flanker Brandon Hughes (6-2, 170, so.) and junior split end Chris Spencer (6-4, 199) have been the main threats through the air. Hughes has put up some impressive numbers while Spencer has been a steady receiver. Tight end Paul Schulte (6-3, 222, sr.) exploded for six catches for 61 yards and a score at Rice.

The offensive line is huge. Anchored by weak tackle Lance Keller (6-2, 336, jr.) and strong tackle Todd McClish (6-5, 319, jr.), Iowa State puts plenty of meat on the line to move the ball on the ground. However, there hasn't been much success in the ground game. Walden is still trying to figure out what's missing from this seemingly perfect equation.

On defense, middle linebacker Dan Milner (6-1, 232, jr.) has been the leader for Iowa State, totalling over 90 stops and several for losses. Larry Ratigan (6-3, 225, sr.) had been fighting to keep his starting job over freshman Scott Schultz (6-4, 225) but Schultz is out with an injury. Sophomore Matt Nitchie (6-2, 206) is at the other 'backer spot. He had an impressive day against Rice, totaling nine stops.

The secondary is a strength for the Cyclones. Free safety Mark DouBrava (6-0, 192, jr.) has over 80 stops and has broken up three passes. Strong safety Kevin Fulton (6-1, 181, fr.) led the team against Rice with 10 tackles including one for a 2-yard loss. He has been one of the leaders in tackles, interceptions and deflected passes. Junior cornerback Shawn Walker (5-11, 167) is considered one of Iowa State's best coverage men in the secondary. If you're looking for the pick-off artist, look no further than left cornerback Andrew Buggs (6-1, 180, jr.), who intercepted four passes in the first four games. He has continued his thefts while racking up the tackles.

Ty Stewart has tried to take the place of graduated Jeff Shudak — but has not been as consistent as Iowa State's all-time leading scorer. ■

**Key Matchups: NU versus Iowa State**

**Looking past Iowa State** — It would be easy for the Huskers to forget about the Cyclones and concentrate on the Sooners. But Iowa State has the capability to put points on the board. If Nebraska finds itself thinking about the Sooners, ISU could post an early lead and make things interesting (similar to last week at Kansas).

**Cyclone quarterback Kevin Caldwell against the Husker defense** — Caldwell has all of the tools to be a great quarterback. His speed and throwing ability is like that of Keithen McCant. The Husker defense must be able to contain Caldwell. Coach Jim

Walden will call plenty of roll-out passes to utilize Caldwell's speed and give him the option to run or pass.

**The Husker running game against a maligned Cyclone defense** — If you stop Derek Brown, Calvin Jones will burn you. Stop them and George Achola is waiting in the wings. Iowa State slowed down Oklahoma somewhat but Nebraska's ground game is a step above the Sooners. Iowa State will try to blitz and stunt to slow the Huskers. How well the Cyclones can play the run will determine the margin of victory for Nebraska.



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# FOOTBALL FORECAST

"ISU shouldn't cause the Huskers  
to stumble before  
the OU showdown..."

Nov. 16, 1991  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Huskers vs. Cyclones  
Kickoff: 1 p.m. (CDT)

**Brad Scholtz**, *KCRG-TV*, Cedar Rapids: "Boy, how long has it been since ISU has beaten Nebraska? And this won't be the year to break that streak. Caldwell is doing a decent job given the circumstances. ISU just doesn't have the personnel to get the job done."

"To have any success at all, ISU is going to have to stop NU's running game and offensively come out throwing to try and keep the Husker defense off balance. The problem with that strategy is that Caldwell is primarily an on the ground quarterback and not a drop-back passer. **NU 34-7.**"

**Chuck Schoffner**, *Associated Press*, Iowa: "Iowa State is in a difficult position right now. Offensively, their quarterback situation has caused them to be very predictable. Nebraska is hard enough to move the ball on anyway, but factor in the predictability and the use of redshirt freshman quarterback Kevin Caldwell from Omaha, and you have a Cyclone team in an offensive struggle."

"Furthermore, the defense is now getting hung up, which will make dealing with Derek Brown (and now Calvin Jones) a difficult task. Look for **Nebraska 41-7.**"

**Brent Wasenius**, *Fremont Tribune*: "I'm impressed even more every week with this Nebraska offense. McCant's leadership abilities is improving each week. ISU is in for a rough day. Caldwell is in for a long day. There will be a lot of points put on the board and look for **Nebraska to win 54-20.** Hopefully, Nebraska won't look past Iowa State after getting a wake-up call against Kansas last week. This Husker team is a little more focused that they have traditionally been over the last few

years.

"I'd rather see them play someone on the open date just so they don't get rusty. But right now this team is on a roll and I don't look for it to end yet."

**Claudia Sangster**, *York News-Times*: "What a game Calvin Jones had against Kansas. I'm wondering if this is going to have an effect on Derrick Brown. On one hand, he's been in he spotlight all season and now his back up had a magnificent performance. On the other, maybe Calvin's success will take some of the pressure off the entire team's running game. I think the latter."

"You can't help but pity ISU, but I think they're just going to be a tune-up for the OU game in two weeks. **Nebraska 64, Iowa State 7.**"

**Jon Ryan**, *Columbus Telegram*: "OK, Mr. Osborne you got our attention. You said last week that Kansas was a good team and then proved it to the nation in the first 20 minutes. Thank goodness the Huskers showed how good they can be in the final 40 minutes. And thank you Mr. (Calvin) Jones for injecting another three years into the hearts of the Husker faithful. Please don't give 15 minutes of free publicity to OU. They could steal the whole show. Against ISU, if Nebraska doesn't drop the curtain quickly, don't expect rave reviews from Orange Bowl critics. In fact, those critics may not want to see an encore. Nebraska will put in a good performance in a dress rehearsal before the Big Eight showdown with OU. **Nebraska wins 48-16.**"

**Nick Hytrek**, *The Daily Nebraskan*: "I don't foresee this game being close. Iowa State has been disappointing this season. They don't have much on defense and the offense hasn't done

much. ISU might have limited success on offense, but Nebraska's defense seems to have it together. Caldwell and Pedersen sound very similar, but Caldwell lacks the experience necessary to provide leadership during his first visit to Lincoln. **NU 60, ISU 14.**"

**Tom Vint**, *Associated Press*, Nebraska: "Well, there's one more step until the annual Husker-Sooners showdown, and I don't think ISU will cause any stumble on the part of Nebraska. SU is in sad shape right now. The key players gone due to injuries are really putting the Cyclones in a bind. Although their defense is relatively improved, it won't be enough to hold off NU's now doubled-barreled offensive machine. **NU 49-7.**"

**Corey Ross**, *Iowa State Daily*: "ISU is in trouble. The inquiries have got them locked into a corner. The Cyclones did not have a good outing against KSU. They looked decent in the first quarter, but it all went downhill from there. They are a run-oriented team. Caldwell's not comfortable with the pass yet. But I think the only way to make a dent in the Huskers is through the air. **NU 58, ISU 10.**"

**Our Pick**: "Nebraska has struggled early against the conference's worst teams, but always finds the competitive spirit to pull out the big win. On the surface, ISU would present less trouble than Oklahoma State or Kansas, but like a cornered dog, the Cyclones have their backs to wall. The Cyclones will let it all hang out, but Nebraska has dealt with nothing-to-lose teams before and came out ahead. Osborne won't let this team think about OU yet, so look for a big win over ISU in Lincoln. **NU 58, ISU 16.**" ■



**Individual Stats**
**RUSHING**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	LOST	LONG	TDS
C. Jones	27	296	2	63	6
D. Brown	13	75	0	14	0
Achola	6	61	0	15	2
McCant	8	44	1	20	0
Lewis	3	4	0	2	0
Johnk	1	9	0	9	0
Joseph	1	4	0	4	0

**Kansas**

PLAYER	ATT	YDS	LOST	LONG	TDS
Sands	11	56	0	14	0
Cozzens	10	49	0	15	0
Hilleary	7	39	15	34	1
Robben	2	7	0	5	0
White	4	9	2	4	0
Thomas	1	2	0	2	0

**PASSING**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	ATT/COMP	INT	YDS	LONG	TDS
McCant	17-9	0	71	13	0
Joseph	3-3	0	32	16	0

**Kansas**

PLAYER	ATT/COMP	INT	YDS	LONG	TDS
Hilleary	25-11	1	210	50	1
Thomas	1-0	1	0	0	0

**RECEIVING**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	NO	YDS	LONG	TDS
Turner	4	33	13	0
Bostick	2	18	9	0
D. Brown	1	9	9	0
Mitchell	2	12	8	0
Leise	1	16	16	0
Dixon	1	9	9	0
Jones	1	4	4	0

**Kansas**

PLAYER	NO	YDS	LONG	TDS
Drayton	6	86	29	0
Chandler	1	50	50	1
New	2	41	31	0
Gay	1	10	10	0
White	1	23	23	0

**PUNTING**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	NO	YDS	LONG	AVG
Stigge	2	53	30	26.5

**Kansas**

PLAYER	NO	YDS	LONG	AVG
Eichloff	5	190	44	38

**FIELD GOALS**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	LONG	ATT.	MADE
Bennett	47	2	1

**Score by Quarter**

NU	0	17	14	28	—	59
KU	17	3	3	0	—	23

**Team Statistics**

	NU	KU
First downs	32	15
Rushing	25	7
Passing	6	8
Penalties	1	0
Rushing yardage	60-493	35-162
Yards lost rushing	3	17
Net yards rushing	490	145
Net yards passing	103	210
Passes attempted	20	26
Passes completed	12	11
Passes intercepted	0	2
Total plays	60	61
Total net yards	593	355
Avg. gain per play	7.4	5.8
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	1-5	4-35
Interceptions-yards	2-16	0-0
Punt yards	3-53	5-190
Avg. per punt	17.7	38.0
Punt ret.-yards	0-0	1-32
Kickoff ret.-yards	6-91	2-38
Possession time	33:47	26:13
3rd down conv.	9-12	3-13
Sacks by	3-14	0-0

**Defensive Stats**
**Nebraska**

PLAYER	TACKLES		SACKS	YDS LOST
	SOLO	ASST		
Ramaekers	0	3		
Engelbert	6	2		
Hilman	1	1		
Liewer	2	0	1	6
Parrella	0	1		
Connealy	0	1		
Alberts	2	0		
Hill	3	2		
Williams	2	2		
Petko	0	2		
Stewart	2	0		
Anderson	1	0		
White	1	1	1	2
Legette	1	0		
Byrd	1	3		
Cotton	2	1	1	7
Wilhite	2	0		
Belser	2	3		
Carmer	4	6		
Dumas	1	1		

**Kansas**

PLAYER	TACKLES		SACKS	YDS LOST
	SOLO	ASST		
Stubblefield	2	3		
Maumalanga	4	1		
Brown	3	1		
Bailey	4	2		
Harvey	3	4		
Burrows	1	4		
Hill	5	3		
Terry	6	5		
Friday	5	3		
Vaughn	1	1		

**How They Scored**
**NU — KU**
**Time**

<b>First Quarter</b>		
0-3	Dan Eichloff 19-yard field goal	9:47
0-10	Dwayne Chandler 50-yard pass from Chip Hilleary (Eichloff PAT)	6:00
0-17	Hilleary 34-yard run (Eichloff)	2:15
<b>Second Quarter</b>		
7-17	Calvin Jones 3-yard run (Byron Bennett PAT)	11:15
10-17	Bennett 47-yard field goal	8:54
17-17	Jones 47-yard run (Bennett)	5:09
17-20	Eichloff 21-yard field goal	:23
<b>Third Quarter</b>		
24-20	Jones 9-yard run (Bennett)	8:46
31-20	Jones 1-yard run (Bennett)	3:57
31-23	Eichloff 52-yard field goal	:01
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>		
38-23	Jones 68-yard run (Bennett)	14:44
45-23	Jones 12-yard run (Bennett)	10:41
52-23	George Achola 31-yard run (Tom Seiler PAT)	4:20
59-23	Achola 15-yard run (Seiler)	:34



After Saturday's game, Nebraska is now tied for second nationally (with North Carolina State) in turnover ratio with a +1.78 margin. The Huskers have 29 takeaways (13 fumbles, 16 interceptions) while losing six fumbles and seven interceptions.

As a team, the Huskers lead the nation in rushing offense, averaging 364.8 yards per outing. In total offense, the Huskers' 516.4 yards trail Fresno State (546.22) and Pacific (522.60).

Individually Mike Stigge ranks

fourth in the country with a 43.15 average per punt. Injured Kenny Wilhite is fourth in the nation in interception per game with 0.75 per game.

Tom Osborne is tied for 19th (with Darrell Royal) on the NCAA's Division I-A all-time victory list with 184. With a win on Saturday, Osborne will join legendary John Heisman for number of career victories.

Steve Carmer is five tackles short of the Nebraska defensive back season record of 76 set by Jim Pillen in 1977.

His 38 assisted stops are one short of the defensive back record set by Russell Gray in 1980.

The Huskers lost Wilhite (knee) and Tyrone Hughes (wrist) for the remainder of the season on Saturday.

On the Cover: Fullback Lance Lewis was one of the Husker runners that was a nightmare for the Jayhawks. While Lewis gained just 4 yards, his blocks were crucial to the running game. All game photos by Harry Lentz.

## AROUND THE BIG EIGHT

### Oklahoma 56

#### Missouri 16

At Columbia, senior tailback Mike Gaddis continued his impressive string of performances with a 217-yard effort to lead OU to the easy win.

Gaddis carried the ball 25 times and scored four touchdowns on runs of 5, 4, 65 and 19 yards to move OU to 7-2 on the season. His 65-yard burst came after Missouri got on the board with Jeff Jacke's 31-yard field goal to cut the lead to 21-3. Fullback Mike McKinley had two touchdowns and 51 yards on six carries while Kenyon Rasheed piled up 68 yards on 12 jaunts. Oklahoma ravaged the nation's worst defense against the run for 428 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Sooner defense allowed just 100 yards on the ground and picked off Missouri quarterback Phil Johnson four times, including Charles Franks' 23-yard return for a score.

Oklahoma quarterback Cale Gundy completed 10-of-12 passes in limited playing time for 80 yards. Jeff Handy, replacing the ineffective Phil Johnson in the fourth quarter, completed five-of-nine throws including a touchdown of 11 yards to backup signal-caller Brian Sallee. The throw accounted for the Tigers' only points of the second half.

### Colorado 16

#### Oklahoma State 12

For the third time this season, Oklahoma State had a chance to win a game. But the third time was the most painful loss for the Cowboys as the Buffaloes used a faked field goal with 14 seconds left to win the game.

OSU had taken a 12-10 lead on the strength of a blocked punt for a safety,

a Rick Myers' 28-yard field goal and Kenny Ford's 7-yard touchdown toss to Robert Kirksey. But Colorado took over with 1:54 at the Oklahoma State 43 and moved to the 20 before calling time out with :14 left.

Holder Robbie James took the snap, rolled to his right and hit a wide-open Christian Fauria for the score to keep the Cowboys winless (0-8-1).

### Kansas State 37

#### Iowa State 7

Paul Watson and Michael Smith connected on three touchdown passes to lead the Wildcats to their first road victory since K-State's 20-17 victory at Missouri on Oct. 26, 1985.

Watson, who completed 20-of-27 passes for 209 yards, also ran for a 15-yard score in the third quarter to give the Wildcats a 28-7 lead.

Kansas State's defense, meanwhile, contained Cyclone quarterback Kevin Caldwell. The freshman had ripped Missouri for 154 yards but was held to just 19 yards on 13 carries after the first quarter. Before Kansas State slowed Caldwell, he threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Lamont Hill and scampered for 50 yards.

## Top 10 Action . . .

Top-ranked Florida State and No. 2 Miami continued on a collision course with wins on Saturday. The Seminoles used Casey Weldon's three touchdown passes to shoot past South Carolina 38-10. The Hurricanes methodically pummeled West Virginia in the Orange Bowl 27-3. The two Florida powerhouses meet next week in Tallahassee. Washington, the other No. 2 team in the nation, stopped USC 14-3 in Los Ange-

les to move to 9-0 on the season. Fourth-ranked Michigan crushed Northwestern 59-14 while sixth-ranked Florida pasted Georgia 45-13. No. 5 Notre Dame was the victim of a miraculous comeback as Tennessee overcame a 24-point deficit to post a 35-34 win. No. 7 California notched a 27-14 win over Oregon State and eighth-ranked Alabama squeaked by LSU 20-17. No. 9 Penn State scored a 40-point win over Maryland (47-7). No. 10 Iowa scored a 38-21 win over Indiana.



## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA*
Nebraska	4	0	1	228	94
Colorado	4	0	1	134	55
Oklahoma	4	1	0	171	68
Kansas	2	3	0	110	116
Kansas St.	2	3	0	91	95
Missouri	1	4	0	92	204
Iowa St.	1	3	1	44	135
Oklahoma St.	0	4	1	40	143

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Nebraska	7	1	1	397	181
Oklahoma	7	2	0	300	118
Colorado	6	2	1	257	112
Kansas	5	4	0	236	185
Kansas St.	5	4	0	195	200
Missouri	3	5	1	194	318
Iowa St.	3	5	1	130	211
Oklahoma St.	0	8	1	74	250

\* Wins-Losses-Tie-Points For-Points Against





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# JUCOS

*Recruiters are raiding junior colleges across the country for experience and immediate help.*

Junior colleges have always been a tremendous avenue for major colleges to dip into. Of course in basketball, recruiting the junior colleges has become such an art form that many teams pin their conference and national title hopes on signing top juco talent. The addition of one or two great juco players can put a team over the top in basketball.

Both Billy Tubbs (Oklahoma) and Jerry Tarkanian (UNLV) annually rank at the top of the junior college basketball recruiting wars and consequently turn out Top 10 teams.

The situation is similar for Division I football programs across the country. Thanks to tougher academic standards and a reduced number of scholarships available on the Division I level, college programs are finding a wider range of talent down on the farm. Not that there haven't been great players on the farm in the past.

Many players currently in the NFL ranks started their college careers in junior college. Warren Moon (Houston), who may be the top quarterback in the NFL, started his college career at West Los Angeles-California. Before Marian Butts (San Diego) ran over people on Sundays, he was learning his craft at Northeastern Oklahoma (NEO). Wideout Ernest Givens (Houston) also played at NEO. Scott Case starred at NEO before moving on to OU and All-Pro honors with Atlanta. Cortez Kennedy went from Northwest Mississippi to Miami to Seattle of the NFL as a first-round draft choice.

Some of the greatest names in the Football Hall of Fame toiled in jucos. Heisman Trophy winners O.J. Simpson (San Francisco) and Roger Staubach

(New Mexico Military) ran and passed their way to glory out of junior college.

Even some in the NFL coaches' ranks have been former junior college alums such as Washington Redskin's skipper Joe Gibbs (Cerritos) and John Madden (Hancock.) The NFL's greatest commissioner, Pete Rozelle, attended Compton Junior College.

This trend will continue into the

***"Both the jucos and majors help each other."***

***— Hank Ives  
Junior College  
Analyst***

1990s. Hank Ives, the foremost authority on junior college football, believes that college football powers across the country will look to the junior college ranks more in 1991-92 than ever before.

"No question about it," Ives said. "Because of Prop 48, many kids can't get into the four-year schools. They don't want to say, 'That's it, you're done,' so they are sometimes farmed out to a junior college or the players choose a junior college so that they can get a chance to get their grades straightened out. This allows the player to get academically organized and gives him a chance to play 21 to 22 games of football, getting him ready to play major college football when he graduates in two years. Because of the tougher academic standards you see today, more kids are going this route than ever before and in turn there is more recruit-

ment of the jucos than ever before."

That recruiting game is an interesting one. The general thinking is that the majors continue to recruit an athlete even if they know he won't qualify. Once the athlete makes a commitment to the majors, he is then farmed out to a particular junior college. Ives said this is done to a certain extent, but not as much as is expected.

"Basically the jucos find the athletes on their own merit," Ives says. "Sure, there are cases where an athlete is directed to a certain junior college with the understanding that he will play his two years there and then come back to that major. But, remember it's an understanding, not a guarantee.

"Things happen over a two-year period and both the athlete and the major sometimes change their opinion of one another. Really, both the jucos and majors help each other. Common sense tells you certain jucos work better with certain majors. Names and information are always being passed along in the recruiting game, but farming an athlete to a certain juco with the guarantee that athlete will return to a certain major doesn't happen as much as people think."

Unless you are used to following juco football on an every day basis, you may get lost in the maze of teams and separation of conferences across the country. In fact, there are actually two different juco leagues across the country. The California jucos have separated themselves from the rest of the country and formed their own governing body and championships. So, that brings up the argument, who plays the better brand of junior college football? The California jucos or those



outside California.

"I don't think it is equal at all," says Ives. "I base that on certain intersectional games over the years. You have some conferences throughout the United States that can produce a 10-0 team every year, then go into the playoffs and lose by a decisive margin. It's obvious they were 10-0 only because their conference was weak. In California there are two divisions and the Mission Conference plays the best football in California. It is one of the super divisions in the country. Then you take the Western State Football League which consists of teams in Arizona and Utah and that's another very high quality league. About half the teams in Texas and Kansas are high quality teams and you just have to become familiar with who they are."

"In Illinois and Mississippi, one or two teams will come out of that section every year and play pretty good football. I don't think there is a section in the country that is that much better than the other with maybe the exception of a couple of conferences in California. Every year they have the best talent level with many more players to choose from and the best conference."

What teams should you follow? Who has the best overall talent? California jucos dominate the *Grid-Wire* Poll with 12 schools in the Top 20.

- 1) College of Sequoias, Calif.
- 2) Northeastern Oklahoma
- 3) Northwest Mississippi
- 4) Mesa, Ariz.
- 5) Palomar, Calif.
- 6) Pasadena, Calif.
- 7) Chabot, Calif.
- 8) Snow, Utah
- 9) Orange Coast, Calif.
- 10) Sacramento, Calif.
- 11) Navarro, Texas
- 12) Saddleback, Calif.
- 13) Nassau, N.Y.
- 14) Laney, Calif.
- 15) College of Siskiyous, Calif.
- 16) Wm. Rainey Harper, Ill.
- 17) Hibbing, Minn.
- 18) College of DuPage, Ill.
- 19) Glendale, Ariz.
- Tie 20) Butte, Calif.
- 20) Moorpark, Calif.

Not included in the poll at the current time is defending National Cham-

pion Coffeyville, Kan. with two losses this season followed by Garden City, Kan. with a 6-2 record, San Bernardino, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., and San Barbara, Calif.

NEO out of Miami, Okla., puts together a quality football team each season. Actually NEO is rated number one in the NCJAA poll at the current time. As the only junior college playing football in Oklahoma, NEO has a fertile recruiting ground to draw from and has a good enough reputation to recruit from surrounding states as well.

"NEO is constantly one of the top teams in the country," Ives said. "I think they do as good a job of recruiting as anybody in the country."

"I remember a few years back when Oklahoma Military had a team. There was a team in Connors and in fact, there was an Oklahoma junior college conference. However, they gradually dropped off and the only one left is NEO. They play some excellent football and have proved it many times over the years."

NEO is loaded with major college prospects this year. Ten players off the NEO roster will be snatched up by major colleges across the country.

Headlining the list are two preseason All-Americans in wide receiver **Billy Williams** (5-foot-11, 170 pounds, 4.5) and defensive back **Greg Tremble** (6-1, 185, 4.5).

Williams is already headed back to Knoxville, Tenn., but Tremble has the world after him since intercepting one pass and returning it for a touchdown, knocking down 14 others and causing two fumbles. Throw in a 13.3 yard average per punt return and you have quite a prospect. Tremble's teammates in the secondary, **Roberto O'Neal** (6-2, 205, 4.6) and **Derek Huggins** (6-1, 205, 4.55), are of the same caliber and will also have many colleges to choose from. O'Neal leads the team in interceptions with five, is fourth in tackles with 71 and has knocked down eight passes. Huggins is second in the steal department with three, sixth in tackles



**Billy Williams**

with 50 and has caused six fumbles.

NEO's entire linebacking corps will move up to Division I football when the season is over.

Middle linebacker **Charlie Clemons** (6-2, 226, 4.6) is drawing most of the attention. Clemons leads NEO in tackles with 92 after eight games, seven quarterback sacks, four blocked passes, one interception and one caused fumble. Former Norman all-stater **Danny Ledbetter** (6-3,

235, 4.6) has surfaced at NEO as an outside linebacker and is playing All-American caliber football. Ledbetter is fifth on the team in tackles with 65, two quarterback sacks, two blocked passes and two caused fumbles. **Brian Hamilton** (5-11, 205, 4.6) rounds out the linebacking corps. Hamilton, who may be signed as a strong safety, is second on the team in tackles with 83, three quarterback sacks, six blocked passes and three caused fumbles /recoveries.

Offensively, lineman **Greg O'Neal** (6-4, 340, 5.2) has been injured, but when healthy and in shape, he is a quality player. The best thing about quarterback **Scott Crabtree** (6-1, 190, 4.7) is that he is a winner. Crabtree has completed over 53 percent of his passes for 1,216 yards and eight touchdowns through eight games. **LaMar Smith** (5-11, 210, 4.5) leads the team in rush-



**Roberto O'Neal**





**Dan Ledbetter**



**Derek Huggins**



**Scott Crabtree**

ing with 599 yards and a 5.4 yards a carry average.

Offenses seem to be dominating the junior college game. Many of the clashes are ending with the scoreboard reaching a total of 60 or more points. That doesn't mean there aren't good defensive players in the juco ranks, it just means in most cases a wide-open brand of football is played; especially, when two top teams get together. Majors will also recruit to needs and will not simply zero in on one position.

What positions a major will recruit depends on what their immediate needs are for the coming season. However, it does seem that there aren't many junior college quarterbacks or running backs heading to the majors. A ton of wide receivers and offensive linemen make it onto Division I campuses every year. Of course other factors always come into play.

All four-year colleges will be looking to fill their needs, plug some gaps and come up with that jewel of a player that can improve their team enough to take them to the Promise Land. According to Ives there are quality players at each position.

## QUARTERBACKS

**Bob Stockham** (6-4, 220, 4.8) of Santa Rosa is the number one quarterback prospect. Despite missing some action with an injured shoulder, Stockham is third on the all-time juco completion list and second in yards passing. Currently Stockham has thrown for 3,506 yards and 35 touchdowns. **Kyle Allen** (6-2, 205, 4.8) of San Francisco threw for 470 yards last week

and looks as if he's headed to Houston.

At Palamar, **Andy Loveland** (6-2, 205, 4.72) transferred in after starting at Colorado State. He's throwing the ball a bunch this season and is getting a look by all the majors who wish to throw the ball 30 times or more.

## RUNNING BACKS

The top running back in juco ball is **Kevin Bouie** (6-2, 218, 4.5) of Garden City, Kan. Bouie missed three games early, but since that time has averaged 170 yards a game. Florida and Florida State are battling for this prized ball carrier. **John Martin** (5-10, 180, 4.4) of Sequoias, Calif. has rushed for 1,264 yards on 154 carries and is exceptional at picking his spots and exploding through the line.

**Ernest Hunter** (5-9, 200, 4.5) out of Navarro is another small back being highly recruited. **Kalin Hall** (5-11, 190, 4.42) of Dixie has been averaging 185 yards a game and is a constant big play waiting to happen. **Charlie Garner** (5-9, 190, 4.5) of Scottsdale, **Darrell Thompson** (6-2, 222, 4.6) of Cerritos and **Bobby Webster** of Glendale are all quality Division I type backs who have been injured most of the season and are just now rounding into form.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

**Jason Sehorn** (6-3, 205, 4.4) of Shasta, Calif., is an incredible athlete and the No. 1 juco receiver in the country. He was a minor league baseball player and has caught 34 passes for 653 yards and 10 scores. Incredibly Sehorn has 769 yards in returns for an all-purpose total of 1,511. He also takes up

the round ball for the school when the football season is over. **Marcus Maple** (6-1, 200, 4.55), who played at Trinity Valley last year, is another great athlete that has played minor league baseball and is a great prospect. Of course Williams from NEO is outstanding with 31 catches for 653 yards and six touchdowns; tremendous big play receiver with 4.25 40-speed.

**Troy Dickey** is another great prospect that is drawing attention from across the country. **Myron Wise** (6-1, 175, 4.5) is the best intermediate high hurdler in the junior college ranks and can high jump 6-9 and runs a 10.4. **David Dunn** (6-4, 200, 4.55) of Bakersfield, Calif. and **Ernie Barnes** (6-0, 175, 4.45) of Citrus are other great wideouts to watch for on signing day.



**Brian Hamilton**



## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

**Andre Hewitt** (6-7, 275) at Santa Monica may be the best tackle in the country. He's a predictor that will get out in December, which is another plus in his favor. **Randy Nonhoff** (6-7, 290) of Riverside, **Mark Peterson** (6-5, 320) of Dixie, **Drew Brandt** (6-4, 270) of Ellsworth, Iowa, are all outstanding prospects. **Chad Newton** (6-2, 290) of Dodge City, Kan., needs to lose some weight but is considered an outstanding prospect.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

**Tamasi Amituanai** (6-3, 320, 5.0) of Palomar was the top defensive lineman in the country coming out of high school. He signed with Colorado and played one year before leaving school. He is now the top defensive lineman in the juco ranks. The recruiting game is wide open for this awesome prospect.

**Joe Correia** (6-4, 260, 4.9) of Sequoias, Calif. makes plays from all over the field. **Marvin Mays** (6-4, 270, 4.9) of Northwest Mississippi is headed to Miami and then probably to the pros from there. Mays has a teammate **Damon Primus** (6-4, 280, 4.95) who may tag along with him. **Myron Davis** (6-2, 290, 5.0) out of Dixie is a big, strong, active player and **Joe Hay** (6-4, 240, 4.75) is the quickest of the bunch and with the frame to add another 25 pounds.

## LINEBACKERS

**Al Alipouie** (6-2, 250, 4.7) of Palomar is a super star waiting to happen. **Jim Rudbert** (6-2, 225, 4.65) of El Camino, **Dart Forest** (6-3, 225, 4.6) at Garden City, Kan. are also waiting for their chances in the spotlight. The best of the bunch just might be **Junior Sesepasara** (6-0, 235, 4.6) out of Snow,

Calif. Last year, Junior managed 20 sacks and he's sitting at 17 this season.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

**Andrew Swasey** (5-11, 195, 4.45) of Fort Scott is rated as the highest prospect at his spot in the junior college ranks. He also has an added plus of having three years to play two. **Casey Mazzotta** (6-0, 195, 4.5) of Cerritos, **Darrell Stocker** (6-4, 195, 4.5) of Snow, Calif., **Earnest Hunter** (5-9, 200, 4.5) of Navarro, Texas, and **Scott Seymour** (6-1, 190, 4.55) of Orange Coast are all highly-rated prospects.

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Of course, this is only a small listing of the top juco players in the country. For more information on Junior College Football, write: Hank Ives, *J.C. Grid-Wire*, Santa Ana, Calif. 92711-1703, or call (714)-997-0824. ■

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# NEE PICKS OSU TO LEAD IN BIG EIGHT RACE

Who's No. 1 in the Big Eight Conference this season?

Probably Oklahoma State, Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said during the Big Eight's annual basketball media day in Kansas City, Mo.

"I'd have to go with Oklahoma State, simply because of the job (Cowboy Coach) Eddie (Sutton) did last year and with the starters coming back," Nee said when asked to pick a conference favorite.

In addition to 6-foot-7 senior Byron Houston, the premier player in the conference, Oklahoma State's top three guards—all seniors—return, including starters Darwyn Alexander and Sean Sutton and sixth man Corey Williams, as well as 6-5 senior swingman Cornell Hatcher.

So it doesn't require much imagination to see the Cowboys successfully defending the Big Eight title it shared with Kansas last season. Still, "I really feel Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri have the ability to be playing for the conference championship, too," Nee said.

Like Oklahoma State, "they're experienced and they're deep. Those four teams are the 'haves,'" Nee said.

That doesn't mean Nebraska is among the "have nots," however. "I think Nebraska and Kansas State are question marks," said Nee. "We've got a lot of new faces. Can we do it? I think we can. After that, I think Iowa State probably will be a little bit young, and Colorado got hurt by graduation. But I think they'll be tough at home. I see it being a very competitive conference again, very tight.

"Every year, the (Big Eight) coaches come in here and say we're going to be good. But there's still a lot of pessimism," he said. "We're a great basketball conference with great coaches, great players, great schools and great fan support. I don't know when you're (the media) going to start believing us."

In addition, Big Eight basketball will be enhanced by joining the Big East in the ESPN cable television network's *Big Monday* package. "I think by us moving to *Big Monday* on ESPN, it is going to be a tremendous positive influence on the Big Eight with national expo-

sure," Nee said. "I think it's going to help programs like Nebraska, being seen in California. It'll have a ripple effect on our recruiting over the next couple of years.

"Big Eight basketball is for real, guys. Last year, I said it was the year of the center in the Big Eight. By the NBA draft, it proved that point; there were some great centers. Now, the talent is just more distributed at different positions, from Byron Houston to Anthony Peeler (Missouri) to Adonis Jordan (Kansas). I think there are some rising stars."

Here are some brief capsules of the other conference teams:

## OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS



**Last year:** 10-4 conf., 24-8 overall

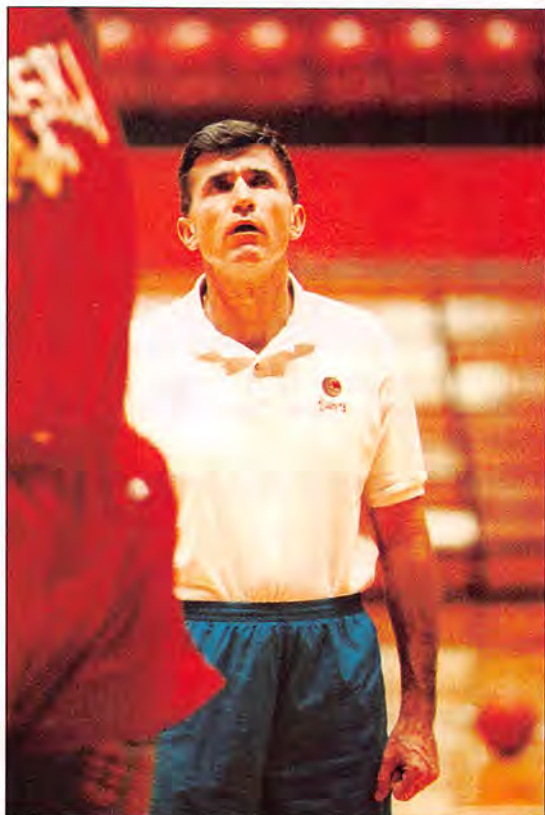
**League finish:** Tie for 1st

The Cowboys, ranked eighth nationally in *The Sporting News* preseason poll, wouldn't need much more than Houston and a veteran backcourt to be title contenders.

Houston led the conference in rebounding last season and averaged 22.7 points per game. He's already the leading scorer in Oklahoma State history. He also is a two-time conference leader in blocked shots.

Sean Sutton is the top returning three-point shooter in the Big Eight, hitting 45.5 percent from that range last season. Alexander was the best free-throw shooter in the conference and third-best nationally a year ago, hitting 96 of 107 (.897).

The Cowboys also return the "Terminator" and the "Phantom" from last year's squad that reached the NCAA for only the second time in the last 16 years. Hatcher "Phantom" is an excel-



**Nee is looking forward to Nebraska beating the critics' opinions.**



lent defender and his size can really give guards fits. Moving from the starting position to a more comfortable sixth-man spot, the "Terminator" Williams gives Sutton a quick, trigger-happy shooter. It was Williams' shot that came a toe short of sending the Cowboys past Temple last season in the Sweet Sixteen.

Questions early have to be the depth in the frontcourt. With the loss of 7-0 Johnny Pittman, 6-7 John Potter and 6-9 Matias Sahlstrom, only Houston returns with any experience down low. If Sutton can get juco transfers 6-9 Randy Davis, 6-8 Jonathon Triplett and 6-7 Sean Walker to contribute early, look for the Cowboys to make it two straight.

## KANSAS JAYHAWKS



**Last year:** 10-4 conf., 27-8 overall

**League finish:**

Tie for 1st

The Jayhawks have two starters returning from the team that lost to Duke in the championship game of the NCAA

Tournament, in seniors Adonis Jordan, the point guard and Alonzo Jamison, a forward.

In addition, Kansas Coach Roy Williams has one of the highest rated recruiting classes in the country. One analyst ranked the Jayhawks' 1991 recruits as the nation's second-best. Among the most prominent are Ben Davis, a 6-8 freshman from Fort Pierce, Fla., and Eric Pauley, a 6-10 transfer from Cypress Community College.

Rex Walters, a transfer from Northwestern, also is eligible now. Many observers think the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year award will go to one of those three Jayhawks.

## OKLAHOMA SOONERS



**Last year:** 5-9 conf., 20-15 overall

**League finish:** Tie for 6th

After a finals loss to Stanford at the

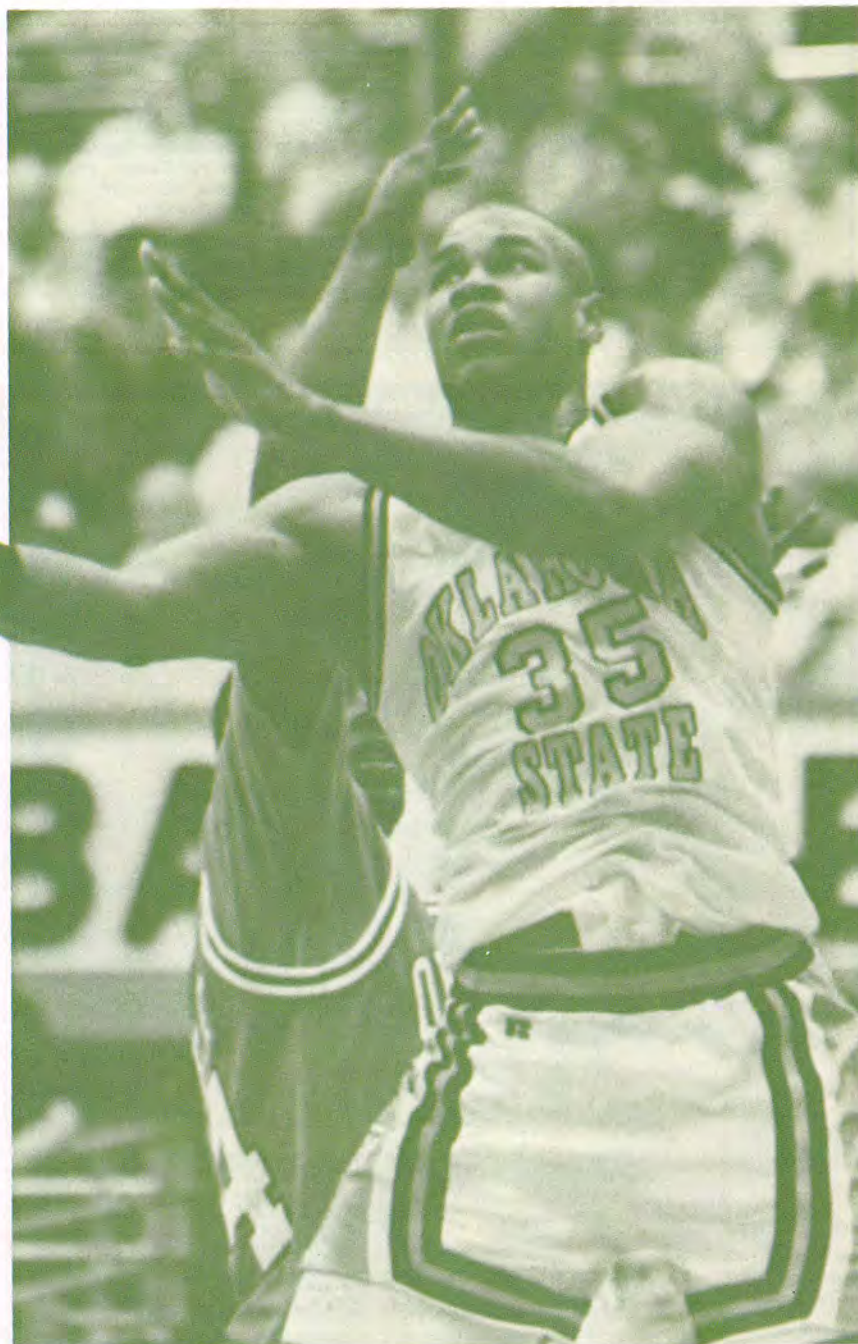
NIT last season, Coach Billy Tubbs is ready to get back to the Big Dance. This season, barring the mass of injuries his group suffered through last season, he has the experience and the depth to do just that.

The Sooners have three returning starters in guard Brent Price, forward Jeff Webster and center Bryan Sallier, as well as two-year lettermen veterans in seniors Terry Evans and Damon Patterson. Patterson, who started all but two games in 1989-90, sat out last season for academic reasons. Evans will probably rotate with Price at the point-guard slot and 6-5 junior college

transfer Eric Coates should round out the starting five at small forward.

The 6-8 Webster was the Big Eight Newcomer of the Year as a freshman last season, averaging 18.3 points per game. Price led the conference in steals and came close to becoming the fourth player in NCAA history to have 200 assists and 100 steals in a season. He also averaged 17.5 points per game.

**OSU's Byron Houston should be the premier player in the league this season.**







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## MISSOURI TIGERS



Last year: 8-6 conf., 20-10 overall  
 League finish: 4th

The Tigers have a premier player in 6-4 senior guard Anthony Peeler and nearly all of last year's regulars returning.

Only Doug Smith, the fifth player chosen in the NBA draft, and Jamal Coleman aren't back. There is a chance Coleman will be back for the second semester. The 6-5 senior from Denver is facing disciplinary action by the University that could sideline him for first semester.

Peeler, who averaged 19.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and 5.0 assists, will be joined by Jevon Crudup, Melvin Booker, Jeff Warren and Chris Heller, all of whom have starting experience.

## KANSAS STATE WILDCATS



Last year: 3-11 conf., 13-15 overall  
 League finish: 8th

The Wildcats have three players with starting experience from last season, including 6-8 Wylie Howard, 6-10 John Rettiger and 5-11 Marcus Ziegler. But Ziegler started only five games.

Gaylon Nickerson, a 6-3 guard, was chosen by *Basketball Weekly* as the Junior College Player of the Year last season at Butler County, Kan., Community College. Sophomore Askia Jones returns after missing last season because of a broken ankle.

## IOWA STATE CYCLONES



Last year: 6-8 conf., 12-19 overall  
 League finish: 5th

The Cyclones' top returning player is 6-2 junior guard Justis Thigpen, who averaged 12.1 points per game last season. But Thigpen will be the only familiar face during the starter introductions. Gone are first-round NBA draft pick Victor Alexander, Paul Doerrfeld, Phil Kunz and Doug Collins — all starters.

Seniors Norman Brown and Brad Pippett have starting experience, but Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr will have to count heavily on some highly regarded in-state freshman recruits.



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## COLORADO BUFFALOES



**Last year:** 5-9 conf., 19-14 overall  
**League finish:** Tie for 6th

One of the reasons the Buffs join the Cyclones in the cellar, is that like the Cyclones, Coach Joe Harrington lost most of his key players. The Buffaloes have only two starters returning from a team that finished with a 19-14 record and placed third in the National Invitation Tournament last season. Senior Billy Law and junior James Hunter along with junior college transfers Mark Dean and Poncho Hodges are expected to pick up the loss of nearly two-thirds of last year's scoring.

The 6-9 Hodges was a teammate of Nebraska's Derrick Chandler, at DeMatha High School and at Alvin (Texas) Community College.

### More from Nee . . .

On last season: "We paid our dues for four years to get to that position. We invested a lot of time in guys like Rich King, Beau Reid, Clifford Scales, and then to have the type of year we had was very, very gratifying, considering you

guys all picked us eighth (in the pre-season poll)."

On this season: "Now, we've got to go another direction. We're small in numbers, a little bit smaller than we have been in the past, but probably a lot more athletic. I feel we have the nucleus of talent to be competitive in the Big Eight. How good, we'll just have to wait and see. I think we're going to be in a lot of close games."

### Finishing around the horn . . .

The Cornhuskers were expected to sign at least three high school guards to letters of intent during the NCAA's early signing period from Nov. 13-20. They are 6-2 Andre Woolridge from Omaha Benson High School, 6-3 Erick Strickland from Bellevue, Neb., and 6-4 Jaron Boone from Skyline High in Salt Lake City. All three made non-binding oral commitments to Nebraska.

Boone, who averaged 24.5 points, 8.3 rebounds and 4.3 assists last season, was the last to announce his intentions. After picking his school in late October, Boone told the *Lincoln Journal-Star*, "One of the reasons I'm announcing now is I want to get it off my back so I can concentrate on this season."

National Recruiting Analyst Van Coleman rates Boone as the 13th-best off-guard in the country.

Former Cornhusker point guard Clifford Scales, who failed in an attempt to make the roster of the NBA's Golden State Warriors, has signed a contract to play with the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the Continental Basketball Association.

### Husker outlook . . .

Dick Vitale picked the Big Eight race to finish just as Nee has picked it. But unlike Nee, Vitale doesn't expect big things from the Cornhuskers that lost to Xavier in the first-round of the NCAA tournament last season. "Nee believes his program is over the hump, but don't expect another dream season in Lincoln," Vitale wrote in his *Basketball Annual*. Vitale believes that key losses will leave Nebraska being outmatched on the boards by Oklahoma State, while teams such as Oklahoma beat them on the press.

Vitale predicts that Nebraska will end the season in a fifth-place tie in the conference with Kansas State with a record of 6-8 in the conference and 17-12 overall. Postseason chances are directed toward the NIT. ■

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## THOMAS STAYS ON PACE FOR BUSY POST SEASON

While the rest of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have stumbled and struggled to horrific season records, third-year linebacker Broderick Thomas continues to build a reputation as one of the top linebackers in the league. One measure of his newfound fame is that he is showing up on most lists for Pro Bowl consideration.

Never shy to speak his mind, Thomas has become a frequent contributor to writers around the country. His most recent pearl came in a discussion of the Buc's quarterback woes that have seen the coaching staff waffle between Vinnie Testaverde, Chris Chandler and Jeff Carlson. After the team scored eight touchdowns in eight quarters, each quarterback took turns wondering why the other was in the lineup. Thomas shook his head at the whole mess and asked "What are they going to do next? Fly a guy in from Mars?"

While most have sought to criticize new Head Coach Richard Williamson for the troubles on the field, Thomas will have none of it. "Richard Williamson is a great head coach and every day I bless God for putting (defensive coordinator) Floyd Peters and (linebackers coach) Dale Lindsay in my life. Floyd is the orchestrator and Dale is the head of administration for our defense. Dale betters me every day."

Of his own play, Thomas says, "I'm always going to be chasing my dreams. I know I'm always excited and emotional.

I want to be the best at my job." His impact is felt by the other players on the Bucs' defense. "He gets so pumped up, you have no choice but to get pumped up also," cornerback Ricky Reynolds said.

Peters agrees. "His style is a positive influence on the other players. He's confident and unafraid and he gets the guys fired up."

Although he ran afoul of the zebras in the early going with aggressive play, Thomas used some words from Williamson to better focus his aggression. "I told Broderick you don't have to do that to be recognized. The recognition he was getting was not good for him or the ball club. He's now playing the best of anyone since I've been here," said Williamson, who was an assistant for four years before moving up to the head post. "All of a sudden he has come to the front."

As they head down the stretch, Thomas will not be lacking for inspiration. "There's still a barrel of gas here waiting for a match," he says. "I believe in these coaches. They make people believe in themselves. We've had some bad breaks early, but we're ready to climb this ladder together. I really think we're ready for an extremely strong finish."



## MURPHY STAYS STEADY ON THE OTHER SIDE

While Thomas has been the vocal leader of the Bucs, former Sooner Kevin Murphy continues to quietly ply his trade. While starting on the opposite side from Thomas, Murphy is headed for his third-straight season of over 70 tackles and is looking to break a two-way tie for second on the Bucs' all-time list for fumbles caused. When he knocks his first ball loose, he will move past Hugh Green and David Logan (13 each) into second behind Lee Roy Selmon, who forced 27.5.

**Murphy, No. 39**

## SOLOMON JOINS THE RANKS

Former Colorado standout Ariel Solomon had reason to celebrate even though his former school was tied by Nebraska. A 10th-round pick after his senior year, Solomon spent the first two months of the NFL season on the sidelines as a member of the Steelers' practice squad. But he



**Thomas, No. 89**

## COOPER EARNS HIS SPURS

Former Husker Reggie Cooper got the same good news, the same week as Solomon, when the Cowboys activated him as a reserve linebacker.

Once projected as a potential first-rounder safety, Cooper went undrafted during the two days of selection by NFL teams last spring. He eventually inked with the Cowboys as a linebacker and bulked up to 215 pounds. After working out for the first eight weeks of the season, he found himself making his NFL debut in Week Nine when the Cowboys met Phoenix. He chalked up his first pro tackle on special teams.

**Opposite: Cooper, No. 17**



was activated just in time to make a triumphant homecoming when the Steelers traveled to Denver in Week Nine. While he was added to the "varsity," Solomon left behind another former Buff on the Steelers' practice squad. Gary Howe, who was an All-Big Eight selection as a senior noseguard, remained on the practice squad continuing to learn the offensive guard position.



### EVANS NOT SO LUCKY

While Solomon and Cooper were earning a promotion from the practice squad to the active roster, Scott Evans learned a lesson in how quickly you can be released. After chalking up his first career tackle in the Cardinals' win over Atlanta, he was on the bench for one more game before he was waived by the Cardinals before Week Nine. He will probably resurface on another practice roster and find his way back into training camp next summer.

**Evans, No. 78**



### FULHAGE AND SEWELL NOMINATED

A pair of former conference stars, who have each enjoyed solid seasons on the field were also honored for their off-field efforts when they were nominated for the monthly NFL Extra Effort Award. Punter Scott Fulhage (Kansas State) and running back Steve Sewell (Oklahoma) were among nine players nominated for the October honor, which was awarded to Kevin Lewis of the 49ers.

Fulhage was nominated for his work with the Shepard Spinal Center, while Sewell was cited for his work with Colorado Red Ribbon Campaign. The award is granted monthly to a player who goes out of his way to make a contribution to his community. Chiefs defensive end Bill Maas was the first recipient of the award.

**Sewell, No. 13**

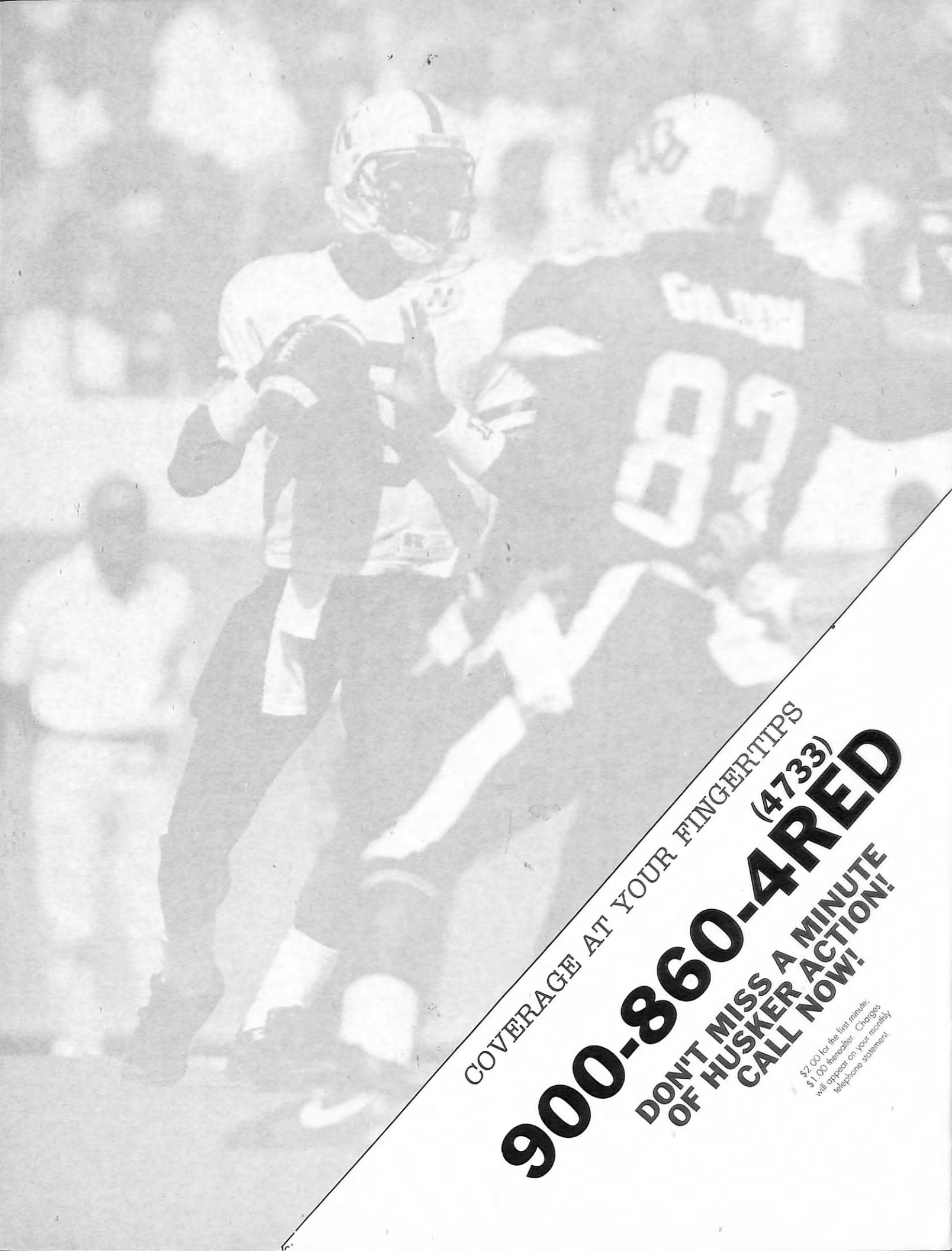


### HOLDING THE KSU END UP

As the lone Kansas State representative of in the NFL, the Falcons' Scott Fulhage is just another in the long line of punters who've kept trying out and eventually gotten a job in the NFL. After a solid career with the Wildcats, including their 1982 bowl appearance, he was signed as a free agent with the Bills in 1985. He was released, but showed up the next summer in the Redskins' camp. Cutdown day again found Fulhage on the list of "close, but not quite," players, but he was back in training camp in 1987 with the Bengals. The third time wasn't a charm, at least not right away as the Bengals cut him on the last day. But then came the players' strike and he was brought back for the replacement games.

He led the league with a 44.4 average, but was cut once again when the strike ended. After a short stay in Green Bay, he found himself back with the Bengals for the remainder of the year. He was the regular punter for most of the 1988 season, but went on Injured Reserve near the end of the year and was forced to watch the Bengals' memorable battle in the Super Bowl from the sidelines as an inactive player. Now in his third season with the Falcons after signing again as a free agent, Fulhage is on course for a career year. He was fourth in the league with a 44.5 average and a 34.8 net. His best previous season came as a rookie with the Bengals and Packers when he averaged 41.7.





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## DUPREE GLAD TO BE BOUNCED AROUND

While the Rams were stomping up and down after their loss to the Falcons in Week Eight, Marcus Dupree was more than happy to have been on the field for some of the action. He rushed for 38 yards on six carries, including a career-long 24-yard jaunt. Afterward, he sounded like a happy camper. "I just wanted to get in there and try and break one. I think Coach Robinson wanted to get the running game going and I'm ready to run the ball. I didn't have any pain in my toe at all. Mentally, we just have to build from here. We have a good team, but we have to try and become a great team and set high goals. We still need a little luck and some things have to happen."

In his second game Dupree was limited to just five yards on three carries against the tough Saints' defense. While the rest of the year might prove to be a valuable time for Dupree as he tries to establish himself, it will be a major struggle for the Rams to reach the playoffs.

## JONES' RETURN MEANS FEWER CATCHES FOR WILLIAMS

Former Husker Jamie Williams has taken full advantage of the injury to the 49ers' top pass catching tight end, Brent Jones. Jones was on injury reserve with a bad knee after setting team records last year for catches (56) and yards



Williams, No. 81

(747) by a tight end. While not quite up to those standards, Williams' totals (19 and 220) are his highest since he grabbed 22 in 1986. However, Jones returned in Week Nine, moving Williams back to his more familiar role as a blocker. ■



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With my satellite dish, I am able to watch play-by-play of Nebraska football games on Nebraska ETV Network. Since they have their camera crews at the games, why don't they carry them live? It seems like it would help the Huskers receive more national attention.

John Kloptoski  
Simpson, Penn.

**Osborne:** *The Nebraska ETV Network does tape every game that Nebraska plays. The TV show "Big Red Play-By-Play," hosted by Bill Doleman, reviews the game tape on Tuesday evenings on the ETV network with a guest coach and two guest players. We are unable to carry the games live because of certain regulations and agreements made through the CFA and also budget costs. You are right in that the national attention we receive by being on TV does help us with our exposure, especially in recruiting.*

Is there any reason that college

football teams don't use the Shotgun formation more than they currently do? I've always thought the formation could help a team against a good pass rushing squad or individual. It also seems like using the Shotgun would throw the defense off somewhat. You would have the option of throwing or tossing the ball to a running back on a wide pitch. Would Nebraska ever consider using the formation?

Adam Kell  
Lincoln, Neb.

**Osborne:** *Thanks for your question about the shotgun formation. We have considered using the shotgun in the past but have decided against it because of the balance with our running and passing game. We run a lot of play action passes which are set up by our running game, so at this point we don't look to use a shotgun formation. We can only work on so many things during practice, and if we went to a shotgun formation, we would really have to work on the exchange between the cen-*

*ter and the quarterback, who is seven yards deep, and still be able to block. I think college football teams don't use the shotgun formation for the reasons that I have previously stated. The professional teams are able to practice and work together more during the day than college teams do, and the pro teams are primarily passing teams.*

First of all, congratulations on a great game in Boulder. Everyone knows that the best team was wearing red and white. What are your feelings about ties in college football. Would you rather see sudden death overtime as in professional football? The Huskers would have won that game if there had been overtime. It's a shame that such a big game ended in a tie.

Chris Simpson  
Omaha, Neb.

**Osborne:** *Thanks for your support, and I did feel that our team played well at Colorado. I do not favor an overtime in college football for tie situations. With the rules in college football, the team has the option of kicking the PAT or going for two after a touchdown. If a team wants to go for two, you can avoid some tie situations. Because of this, I feel that we have somewhat of a solution built into the rules to avoid tie situations.*

What are your feelings on the new rule which states that a team must have six victories over Division I-A opponents to qualify for a bowl game? That rule would never affect Nebraska, but it could keep K-State out of a bowl this year. Do you feel it's a good rule?

Don Jamison  
Iowa City, Iowa

**Osborne:** *I do feel that the rule stating a team has to have six victories over a Division I-A opponent to qualify for a bowl game is good. I think you will find that the rule will not come into effect very often, but there will be certain situations where a team may have a good season and not be able to go to a bowl because of not having those six victories.*

*If you have questions for Coach Osborne, please address them to View From South Stadium, P.O. Box 83222, Lincoln, Neb. 68501. ■*

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